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SEVENTH TRIENNIAL SESSIONS.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GENERAL SYNOD

OF THE

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Reformed Church,

IN THE

UNITED STATES,

AT

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SEVENTH TRIENNIAL SESSIONS.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS.

Of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, at its Triennial Sessions, convened in Tiffin, Ohio, in the month of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one. The sessions commenced on the evening of the eighteenth, and continued until in the afternoon of the twenty-fifth day of the month, inclusive.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, convened according to appointment, in the First Reformed Church in Tiffin, Ohio, on Wednesday, May 18, A. D. 1881, at eight o'clock in the evening, and, after some religious services, the opening sermon was preached by the president, Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., from I. Peter 2: 24: *Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.*

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

FROM THE SYNOD IN THE UNITED STATES.

CLASSES.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
<i>E. Pennsylvania.</i>	Daniel F. Brendle. H. H. W. Hibshman, D. D.	Owen Romich. John Frace.
<i>Lebanon.</i>	Frank. W. Kremer, D. D. Chas. H. Leinbach, D. D. Benj. Bausman, D. D. George Wolff, D. D.	Henry Loose. John F. Orth.
<i>Philadelphia.</i>	David E. Klopp, D. D. J. H. A. Bomberger, D. D. Henry M. Kieffer.	Abram Schwenck. Thomas B. Geatrell. Jacob Gerhart.
<i>Lancaster.</i>	Thomas G. Apple, D. D. Joseph B. Shumaker, D. D. Darius W. Gerhard.	William H. Seibert. Daniel Shaffner (1).
<i>E. Susquehanna.</i>	Alfred Houtz. George B. Dechant.	Jonathan Sweisfort. John K. Haas.
<i>W. Susquehanna.</i>	John F. DeLong.	John H. Keller. Richard Strubble.
<i>Goshenhoppen.</i>	Clement Z. Weiser, D. D.	Samuel D. Rudy.
<i>Tohickon.</i>	Abraham B. Koplin. James G. Dengler.	Milton J. Hess. Henry Weisel.
<i>Lehigh.</i>	Samuel G. Wagner, D. D. Nero S. Strassburger. Thomas N. Reber.	Owen L. Schreiber. Solomon Griesemer. Solomon Boyer.

FROM THE SYNOD OF OHIO.

<i>Miami.</i>	Peter C. Prugh. William A. Hale. Samuel B. Yockey (2).	A. H. Baughman. Joseph F. Kemp. Benjamin Kuhns.
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1. He took his seat on Thursday afternoon, the second day of the sessions.

2. His seat was occupied from the evening of the organization until Friday morning by Rev. Michael Loucks, *secundus*.

<i>Lancaster, (O.)</i>	John M. Kendig. Austin Henry.	George Holman. John C. Allen (1).
<i>Tuscarawas.</i>	Samuel B. Leiter, D. D. John S. Stoner.	John Weimer, M. D. Ephraim K. Kremer.
<i>Tiffin.</i>	Jeremiah H. Good, D. D. Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D. Nathaniel H. Loose.	Lewis Keller. Henry Stoner (2).
<i>Eastern Ohio.</i>	John J. Leberman (3). Charles M. Schaaf.	John Williard. Robert Bell.
<i>N. Illinois.</i>	Isaac A. Sites.	Charles T. Kleckner.
<i>Shelby.</i>	Robert F. Oplinger.	John Runkel.
<i>Iowa.</i>	Cyrus Cort. Fred. C. Bauman.	Albert Cort. Abraham Griffiee.
<i>St. Joseph.</i>	Louis Grosenbaugh (4). Scott F. Hershey.	Jacob Pfeifer. J. I. Frager.
<i>Cincinnati.</i>	Oswald J. Accola. John Bachman.	
<i>Kansas.</i>	Joseph G. Shoemaker.	Henry Schroer. (5).

FROM THE SYNOD OF THE NORTH-WEST.

<i>Zion's.</i>	William Hansen. Charles F. Kriete.	Henry Hilgeman.
<i>Sheboygan.</i>	James Bossard, Ph. D. (6). Jacob Hauser.	
<i>Indiana.</i>	John F. H. Dieckman (7). John J. Janett (8).	Fred. W. Scheele. Ernst F. Oslage (9).
<i>Heidelberg.</i>	John H. Klein, D. D. John H. Stepler.	John G. Raiser. Louis Kaltschmidt.

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1. He took his seat on Thursday morning the second day of the sessions.
 2. He took his seat on Thursday morning the second day of the sessions.
 3. His seat was occupied during Monday by Rev. J. Huston Bomberger, *secundus*.
 4. His seat was occupied from Thursday afternoon, until the final adjournment, by Rev. Reuben Keller, *secundus*.
 5. He took his seat on Thursday morning the second day of the sessions.
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 7. He took his seat on Thursday morning the second day of the sessions.
 8. He took his seat on Thursday morning the second day of the sessions.
 9. He took his seat on Thursday morning the second day of the sessions.

<i>Erie.</i>	Herman J. Ruetenik, D. D. August. E. F. Schade (1).
<i>Milwaukee.</i>	Henry A. Meier.
<i>Minnesota.</i>	John H. C. Roentgen (2). Henry Rugenmeier.
<i>Nebraska.</i>	No members present.
<i>Ursinus.</i>	No members present.
<i>St. John's.</i>	Joseph A. Keller. Paul Geiger (3). Peter Greding, D. D. John G. Zahner, D. D. (4). John Heinz,
<i>Missouri.</i>	No members present.

SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.

<i>Westmoreland.</i>	Jacob F. Snyder. Joseph Cort. John McConnell. Eli Sell.
<i>Clarion.</i>	Joseph B. Thompson. Jacob Barnhart. D. S. Dieffenbacher.
<i>St. Paul's.</i>	Frederick Pilgram. C. M. Boush, Esq. (5).
<i>Somerset.</i>	John Ruhl. John Musser. Lewis D. Steckel.
<i>Allegheny.</i>	Francis A. Edmonds. Abraham Moyer. Thomas F. Stauffer. Martin H. Sitler.

SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC.

<i>Zion's.</i>	John Kretzing (6). Henry Wirt. Jacob O. Miller, D. D. F. M. McKeehan. Fred. J. Sauerber. Geo. H. Stambaugh. Francis S. Lindaman. Samuel R. Weaver.
<i>Maryland.</i>	J. Spangler Kieffer. John M. Hoffman. Joel T. Rossiter. G. S. Griffith. John G. Noss. Ezra Williard.

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1. He took his seat on Thursday morning the second day of the sessions.
 2. He took his seat on Thursday morning the second day of the sessions.
 3. He took his seat on Thursday morning the second day of the sessions.
 4. His seat was occupied during Friday by Rev. Fred. Strassner, *secundus*; and from Monday, to final adjournment, by Rev. Jacob Dahlman, D. D., *secundus*.
 5. He took his seat on Thursday morning the second day of the sessions.
 6. His seat was occupied during Tuesday by Rev. Wm. K. Zieber, D. D., *secundus*.

<i>Mercersburgh.</i>	John M. Titzel.	John P. Reed. Esq.
	Isaac G. Brown.	Josh. L. Reifsneider.
	Fred. A. Rupley.	John Bowman.
	Jacob Hassler (1).	J. Rawm Pague.
<i>Virginia.</i>	Henry St. J. Rinker (2).	Richard Gray.
	John A. Hoffheins.	Chas. P. Matthaei.
<i>North Carolina.</i>	Geo. Wm. Welker, D. D.	
	Julius H. Shuford.	
<i>San Francisco.</i>	No members present.	
<i>Portland.</i>	No members present.	

FROM THE GERMAN SYNOD OF THE EAST.

<i>New York.</i>		Henry Berge.
<i>West New York.</i>	John B. Kniest.	Christian R. Mennig.
<i>Ger. Philadelp'a.</i>	John Kuelling, D. D.	William D. Gross.
	Nicholas Gehr, D. D.	
<i>Ger. Maryland.</i>	No members present.	
<i>W. Pennsylvania.</i>	Charles A. Limberg.	

MEMBERS FROM CORRESPONDING BODIES.

From the Evangelical Synod of North America.

Rev. C. W. Locher.

From the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

Rev. Thomas S. Childs, D. D.

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

From Philadelphia Classis.—Revs. Samuel R. Fisher, D. D., David Van Horne, D. D., Abraham B. Stoner, James I. Good,¹ Elders Hon. Hiram C. Hoover, Samuel H. Bibighaus, Esq.

From Miami Classis.—Revs. David Winters, D. D., John Pence, Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., Henry M. Herman, Samuel Mease, D. D., James T. Hale, Michael Loucks, Milton F. Frank, G. Wm. H. Smith.

1. His seat was occupied from the organization until Friday morning by Rev. J. David Miller, *secundus*.

2. His seat was occupied from the organization until Friday morning by Rev. Samuel N. Callender, D. D., *secundus*.

From Lancaster (O.) Classis.—Revs. John Vogt, D. D., Francis C. Yost, Silas P. Mauger, George H. Leonard, Henry H. Sandoe, James Heffley, and Jacob Klingler. Elders Henry Leonard, James L. Slough, Jacob Klee.

From Tuscarawas Classis.—Revs. Sebastian C. Goss, Edward D. Wettach, Theodore J. Bacher, Orange E. Lake, Lewis M. Kerschner, James H. Steele, John H. Beck.

From Tiffin Classis.—Revs. Geo. W. Williard, D. D., Herman Rust, D. D., Samuel Shaw, Joseph H. Hunsberger, Reuben Good, Prof. Alvin S. Zerbe, Ph. D., Alpheus E. Baichly, John J. M. Gruber, Allen K. Zartman, Amos Casselman, John I. Swander, Jacob Ihle, William Smith. Elders John Krilly, Jacob J. Seibert.

From Eastern Ohio Classis.—Revs. Milton H. Groh, Edward H. Otting, William A. Miller, J. Huston Bomberger.

From Northern Illinois Classis.—Rev. Frederick W. Stump.

From St. Joseph Classis.—Revs. Edwin R. Williard, Jerome B. Henry, Reuben Keller, John D. Neff, Frederick F. Christine, William H. Fenneman, David H. Reiter, Daniel Kroh.

From Cincinnati Classis.—Rev. John H. Krueger.

From Zion's Classis (Synod of Northwest).—Revs. John Niehoff, Charles Schaaf, Elder Henry Tons.

From Heidelberg Classis.—Revs. Edward D. Miller, Philip Ruhl, William Gilpin, John Winter.

From Erie Classis.—Rev. J. G. Schmid.

From St. John's Classis.—Revs. Frederick Strassner, Jacob Dahlman, D. D.

From St. Paul's Classis.—Revs. Joseph H. Apple, D. D., David D. Leberman.

From Somerset Classis.—Rev. Calvin U. Heilman.

From Allegheny Classis.—Rev. John M. Souder, Elder Thomas J. Craig.

From Zion's Classis (Potomac Synod).—Revs. Wm. K. Zieber, D. D., Henry T. Spangler, Andrew J. Heller.

From Mercersburg Classis.—Revs. Elnathan E. Higbee, D. D., J. David Miller, Franklin F. Bahner.

From Virginia Classis.—Rev. Samuel N. Callender, D. D.

From West New York Classis.—Rev. Charles Kuss, Elder Christian Boehringer.

MINISTERS FROM OTHER CHURCHES.

Rev. Robert B. Moore, Presbyterian Church.
 Rev. D. Dwight Bigger, Presbyterian Church.
 Rev. David J. Meese, Presbyterian Church.
 Rev. Joshua Crouse, D. D., Evangelical Lutheran Church.
 Rev. Christopher Zimmerman, Evangelical Church.
 Rev. A. W. Bachman, Evangelical Church.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. Jeremiah H. Good, D. D., *President*, Tiffin, Ohio.
 Rev. Isaac G. Brown, *Vice President*, Mercersburg, Pa.
 Rev. Herman J. Ruetenik, D. D., *Vice-President*, Cleveland, O.
 Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., *Stated Clerk*, Miamisburg, Ohio.
 Rev. Jacob Dahlman, D. D., *Assistant Clerk*, Akron, Ohio.
 Rev. John B. Kniest, *Corresponding Secretary*, Buffalo, N. Y.
 Mr. William D. Gross, *Treasurer*, Philadelphia, Pa.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The Rules of Order of the last General Synod were adopted as the rules by which this General Synod shall be governed in its deliberations during its present sessions, and then read.

The *Bar of the House* was defined to be the first twelve pews from the front of the church.

The following hours were fixed upon for opening and closing the present sessions of the Synod.

The *Morning Sessions* to open at nine and close at half past eleven o'clock, with a recess from half past eleven A. M. until three P. M.

The *Afternoon Sessions* to open at three and close at five o'clock.

Evening Sessions were held on Wednesday and Tuesday evenings, the first and seventh days of the sessions.

During the morning session of the last day of the sessions, on motion, the following action, respecting the preparation of Rules of Order, was adopted :

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to prepare Rules of Order for the government of the several judicatories of the Reformed Church in their meetings, and that this committee report to the next General Synod.

The committee consists of Revs. Geo. Wm. Welker, D. D., David E. Klopp, D. D., John M. Titzel, and Elders Lewis H. Steiner, M. D., and Goldsborough S. Griffith.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The president announced the following standing committees :

RELIGIOUS SERVICES—ENGLISH: *Ministers*—Lewis H. Kefauver, D. D., George Wolff, D. D., Jacob O. Miller, D. D. *Elders*—Joseph Cort, Lewis Keller. GERMAN: *Ministers*—Peter Greding, D. D., Herman Rust, D. D., Herman J. Ruetenik, D. D. *Elders*—Henry Berge, Albert Cort.

SYNODICAL MINUTES:

Minutes of General Synod. *Ministers*—John Kuelling, D. D., Charles H. Leinbach, D. D., Samuel B. Yockey, Joel T. Rossiter, Oswald J. Accola. *Elders*—Jacob Barnhart, Henry Wirt.

Minutes of Synod in United States. *Ministers*—John B. Kniest, Peter C. Prugh, John Kretzing. *Elders*—Francis M. McKeehan, Charles T. Kleckner.

Minutes of Synod of Ohio. *Ministers*—H. H. W. Hibsh-

man, D. D., James Bossard, Ph. D., Lewis D. Steckel. *Elders*—Henry Loose, Goldsborough S. Griffith.

Minutes of Synod of Northwest. *Ministers*—Daniel F. Brendle, Charles M. Schaaf, Joseph B. Shumaker, D. D. *Elders*—John Weimer, M. D., Wm. D. Gross.

Minutes of Synod of Pittsburgh. *Ministers*—David E. Klopp, D. D., John M. Titzel, Samuel B. Leiter, D. D. *Elders*—John H. Keller, Richard L. Gray.

Minutes of Synod of Potomac. *Ministers*—Diodorus S. Dieffenbacher, Nathaniel H. Loose, John F. DeLong. *Elders*—John Frace, Joseph F. Kemp.

Minutes of German Synod of the East. *Ministers*—John H. C. Roentgen, Darius W. Gerhard, Jacob Häuser. *Elders*—Henry Rugenmeier, John Heinz.

OFFICIAL REPORTS OF CLASSES:

English Classes: *Ministers*—Francis S. Lindaman, Austin Henry, Henry M. Kieffer. *Elders*—John F. Orth, John P. Reed, Esq.

German Classes: *Ministers*—Nero S. Strassburger, Henry A. Meier, Charles A. Limberg. *Elders*—Samuel D. Rudy, John G. Raiser.

OVERTURES: *Ministers*—John M. Kendig, Isaac A. Sites, Jacob O. Miller, D. D., Joseph B. Thompson. *Elders*—Owen L. Schreiber, John Musser.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH SISTER CHURCHES: *Ministers*—Frederick Pilgrim, Alfred Houtz, Peter Greding, D. D., Scott F. Hershey. *Elders*—Robert Bell, Ezra Williard.

STATE OF THE CHURCH: *Ministers*—Joseph A. Keller, Frederick J. Sauerber, John M. Titzel, Clement Z. Weiser, D. D. *Elders*—John Bowman, Andrew H. Baughman.

HOME MISSIONS: *Ministers*—Thomas G. Apple, D. D., John J. Leberman, Frederick A. Rupley, Joseph G. Shoemaker. *Elders*—Abraham Moyer, J. I. Frager.

FOREIGN MISSIONS: *Ministers*—Benjamin Bausman, D. D., Samuel G. Wagner, D. D., Louis Grosenbaugh, Nathaniel H. Loose. *Elders*—Joseph F. Kemp, Goldsborough S. Griffith, Richard Strubble.

ORPHAN HOMES: *Ministers*—John G. Noss, Robert F. Oplinger, Thomas F. Stauffer, John G. Zahner, D. D. *Elders*—Christian M. Boush, Esq., Charles P. Matthaei, J. Rawm Pague.

NOMINATIONS: *Ministers*—Franklin W. Kremer, D. D., John S. Stoner, John H. Stepler, Francis A. Edmonds. *Elders*—Abram Schwenck, Jonathan Sweisfort, Robert Bell.

FINANCE: *Ministers*—J. Spangler Kieffer, William A. Hale, John McConnell, Cyrus Cort. *Elders*—Henry Wirt, Eli Sell, Abraham Griffiee.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. Three copies of the minutes of the last General Synod were received through the stated clerk, and referred to the Standing Committee on the Minutes of the General Synod.

2. The minutes of all the district synods for the several years intervening since the last triennial sessions of the General Synod were received through the respective stated clerks, and referred to the respective committees on the minutes of the several district synods.

3. The minutes of the classes of East Pennsylvania, Lebanon, Philadelphia, Lancaster (East), East Susquehanna, West Susquehanna, Tohickon, Lehigh, Miami, Tiffin, Eastern Ohio, Iowa, St Joseph, Cincinnati, Kansas, Zions (West), Sheboygan, Indiana, Heidelberg, Erie, Milwaukee, Minnesota, St. John's, Westmoreland, Clarion, Somerset, Allegheny, Zion's (East), Maryland, Mercersburg, North Carolina, German Philadelphia, and German Maryland were received, and referred to the respective committees on Official Reports of Classes.

4. The report of the Board of Home Missions, including that of its treasurer, and a paper from Rev. John H. C. Roentgen, with reference to commencing missionary work in Germany, were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Home Missions.

5. The report of the Board of Foreign Missions, together

with the report of its treasurer, was received and referred to the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions.

6. The report of the Treasurer of the General Synod was received and referred to the Standing Committee on Finance.

7. Various communications and documents were received from the clerks of the Alliance of Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian system, held in Philadelphia, Pa., in 1880, and referred to the Standing Committee on Overtures.

8. Also some other papers and letters were received and referred to the same committee.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The General Synod, during its present sessions, observed the following religious services:

1. The sessions of each day were opened and closed with suitable religious services.

2. The Standing Committees on Religious Services—English and German—submitted their reports, which were received, and, as amended, adopted:

1.) ENGLISH SERVICES.

The Committee on Religious Services in the English language respectfully offer the following report:

First Reformed Church.—Thursday evening: sermon by Rev. S. G. Wagner, D. D., assisted by Revs. J. J. Leberman and A. B. Koplin. Friday evening: sermon by Rev. W. A. Hale, assisted by Revs. J. F. Snyder and J. S. Stoner. Saturday afternoon: preparatory Services, Rev. F. W. Kremer, D. D., assisted by Revs. P. C. Prugh and I. A. Sites. Saturday evening: sermon by Rev. C. Z. Weiser, D. D., assisted by Revs. S. B. Yockey and T. N. Reber. Sunday morning: communion sermon by Rev. T. G. Apple, D. D., assisted by Revs. G. Wolff, D. D., J. B. Shumaker, D. D., I. H. Reiter, D. D. and J. G. Shoemaker. Sunday evening: sermon by Rev. J. H. A. Bomberger, D. D.,

assisted by Revs. D. W. Gerhard and N. H. Loose. Monday evening: missionary meeting, exercises conducted by Rev. J. O. Miller, D. D.; addresses by Revs. J. Spangler Kieffer, J. G. Shoemaker, Dr. G. W. Welker and J. H. C. Roentgen.

OTHER CHURCHES.

Presbyterian Church.—Sunday morning: Rev. C. Z. Weiser, D. D. Sunday evening: Rev. D. E. Klopp, D. D.

Lutheran Church.—Sunday morning: Rev. H. H. W. Hibshman, D. D. Sunday evening: Rev. J. B. Shumaker, D. D.

St. Paul's M. E. Church.—Sunday morning: Rev. F. A. Rupley. Sunday evening: Rev. J. M. Titzel.

Protestant Methodist Church.—Sunday morning: Rev. J. T. Rossiter. Sunday evening: Rev. Scott F. Hershey.

Evangelical Association Church.—Sunday morning: Rev. D. S. Dieffenbacher. Sunday evening: Rev. T. F. Stauffer.

Sunday-school exercises in First Reformed Church Sunday p. m., conducted by Superintendent N. L. Brewer, Esq. Addresses by Rev. H. M. Kieffer, Rev. S. B. Yockey and Elder C. M. Boush.

Respectfully submitted,

LEWIS H. KEFAUVER, *Chairman.*

2.) GERMAN SERVICES.

The Committee on Religious Services in the German language submit the following report:

Second Reformed Church.—Thursday evening: sermon by Rev. Jas. Bossard, Ph. D. Friday evening: discussion of the question of immigration, Rev. P. Greding, D. D., chairman. Saturday evening: preparatory services, sermon by Rev. O. J. Accola, and liturgical services by Rev. H. Rust, D. D. Sunday morning: communion sermon by Rev. J. B. Kniest, and liturgical services by Rev. H. Rust, D. D. Sunday afternoon: addresses to the Sunday-school by Revs. J. Hauser and J. Bachman. Sunday evening: missionary addresses by Revs. J. H. Klein, D. D., B. Bausman, D. D., and N. Gehr, D. D.

Union St. John's Church.—Sunday morning: sermon by Rev. W. Hansen.

Church of the Evangelical Association.—Sunday morning: ser-

mon by Rev. J. J. Janett. Sunday evening : sermon by Rev. J. H. Stepler.

Respectfully submitted,
PETER GREDING, *Chairman*.

The religious services, as appointed by the committees, were severally observed.

ARTICLE VIII.

SYNODICAL MINUTES.

I. MINUTES OF THE GENERAL SYNOD.

The Standing Committee on the Minutes of the General Synod presented their report, which was received, considered item by item, and adopted as a whole, and is as follows :

Your Committee on the Minutes of the General Synod would respectfully report as follows :

Item 1, pages 24 and 25. Election of delegates to corresponding bodies.

Item 2, pages 25 and 26. Action in reference to the Alliance of Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian system, and the appointment of delegates.

Item 3, pages 43, 44, and 45. Home Missions to be brought under direct control of General Synod's Board.

Item 4, page 43. Request to district synods and boards, to send statements and minutes to General Synod's Board.

Item 5, page 43. Recommendation to district synods and classes in reference to organizing missionary societies.

Item 6, page 44. Reference of the whole subject of foreign missions to the new Board.

Item 7, pages 45 and 83. Request to district synods in regard to certain delinquencies, urging them to meet the indebtedness to the former treasurer of Church Extension.

Item 8, page 46. Rev. Dr. G. W. Williard is appointed to attend to the bequest of Miss Sarah Brinker.

Item 9, page 51. Western synods are recommended to take into consideration the establishment of an Orphans' Home.

Item 10, page 58. Stated clerk instructed to publish the report in regard to the office of deacon in tract form.

Item 11, page 58. Special committee appointed to prepare a definition of the office of deacon.

Item 12, pages 64, 65, 68, 70, 71. Certain amendments to the Constitution were sent down to classes for adoption or rejection.

Item 13, page 68. Court of Appeals, and amendment to the Constitution laid over to this meeting of Synod.

Item 14, page 68. Committee on the revision of the Constitution continued.

Item 15, page 69. Clerks of Synod are directed to prepare a blank certificate for delegates to General Synod.

Item 16, page 73. Attention of Ohio Synod is directed to certain difficulties with the North-western Synod, respecting the Loran congregation.

Item 17, pages 75, 76. Ordering of the appointment of a Commission by the several District Synods, in reference to matters in controversy within the Church, to report to this Synod.

Item 18, page 79. Liturgies and Hymn-Books referred to the Commission.

Item 19, pages 79, 80. A committee appointed to prepare a diliverance on ordination of certain ecclesiastical bodies.

Item 20, page 85. Publication of Minutes of Synod by the stated clerk.

Item 21, page 85. The Stated Clerk is instructed to furnish each minister and delegated elder with a copy of the official Minutes of Synod.

Item 22, page 89. The Stated Clerks of District Synods are requested to furnish each three copies of their Minutes for each of the intervening years for the use of General Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN KUELLING, *Chairman.*

The report was disposed of as follows: For action in items 1 and 2, see Article XI., Correspondence with Sister Churches; for disposition of items 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, see Article XIII., Missions; items 4 and 18 adopted; in item 9, see Article XIV., Benevolent and Religious Institutions; for reports in items 10, 11, 12, 14, 15 and 19, as well as for action in items 13, 16 and 17, see Article XVIII., Church Government; for report in items 20 and 21, see Article XXI., Publication; the request in item 22 was complied with by all the Stated Clerks, except the Stated Clerk of the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, who furnished but *one* copy for each of the intervening years.

II. MINUTES OF THE DISTRICT SYNODS.

The several Standing Committees on the Minutes of the different District Synods presented their reports, which were received and considered item by item, and then adopted as a whole. These several reports with the action thereon, are as follows:

1. *Synod of Reformed Church in the United States.*

Your committee reports the following points from the Minutes of 1878, 1879 and 1880.

Item 1, page 9, 1878. A resolution requesting that Synod to carry on its missionary work through the Missionary Boards of the Church, approved and referred to the Tri-synodic Board, see page 39.

Item 2, page 9. Indebtedness to the Board of Church Extension. Synod requests all delinquent classes to pay their indebtedness, see page 39.

Item 3, page 9. Three items, 22, 23, and 24. Synod heartily indorses the action of General Synod. See page 56.

Item 4, page 9. An apportionment of \$640 by the General Synod, and its adoption. Page 45.

Item 5, page 9. Treasurer instructed to pay the deficiency of \$275. Page 47.

Item 6, page 8, 1879. The election of Peace Commissioners, viz: Revs. Th. G. Apple, D. D., Cl. Z. Weiser, D. D., F. W. Krem-

er, D. D., Elders D. W. Gross, W. H. Seibert, and R. F. Kelker, *primarii*; Revs. B. Bausman, D. D., Ch. H. Leinbach, D. D., J. H. A. Bomberger, D. D., Elders Geo. Hill, G. W. Hensel, and H. C. Hoover, *secundi*.

Item 7, page 48, 1880. Synod paid the assessment of General Synod at Ft. Wayne, Indiana, \$275, and at Lancaster, Pa., \$300, leaving a balance unpaid of \$340.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN B. KNIEST, *Chairman*.

The report was disposed of as follows: Items 1, 3, 4, 5, and 6 were adopted; items 2 and 7 were adopted and referred to to the Committee on Finance. See Article XX., Finance.

2. *Synod of Ohio.*

Your Committee would report that the acts and proceedings of the Ohio Synod for 1879 and 1880 were referred to us for examination, and we find the following facts claim the attention of General Synod.

Item 1, page 11, 1879. This Synod assumed the apportionment of \$250, as part of the expenses of the last General Synod.

Item 2, page 38. Synod approves the action of General Synod in regard to the subject of foreign missions.

Item 3, page 61. This Synod took favorable action in reference to the recommendation of establishing an Orphan Home.

Item 4, page 68. An overture in reference to the apportionment of the debt of the Board of Church Extension. This overture, however, appears to have been subsequently reversed or ignored, as the amount of the apportionment (\$175.00) was paid by the treasurer of the Ohio Synod. (See minutes Ohio Synod 1880, page 73).

Item 5, page 73. This Synod appointed its quota of the Peace Commission according to the instruction of the General Synod.

Item 6, page 33, 1880. An overture praying for the establishment of immigrant missions in New York city and elsewhere.

Respectfully submitted,

H. H. W. HIBSHMAN, *Chairman*.

Disposed of as follows: items 1, 2, 4 and 5 were adopted; item 3 was referred to the Committee on Orphan Homes, and for action thereon, see Article XIV., Benevolent and Religious Institutions; and for action in item 6, see Article XIII., Missions.

3. *Synod of the Northwest.*

The Committee on the Minutes of the Synod of the Northwest would respectfully report that the following items claim the consideration of this Synod:

Item 1, page 10. Minutes of the Synod of the Northwest of 1879. The Synod approves the action of General Synod in reference to the operations of the General Missionary Board, but can not comply with said action at present.

Item 2, page 12. Minutes of the same year. In reference to the Peace Commission, the attention of Synod is directed to the following points: (a) They recommend that the General Synod shall select theological professors in case of vacancies, but that the respective district synods shall have the right to propose several names for the position. (b) That the General Synod shall meet every year. (c) That the General Synod shall elect editors to the different church papers. (d) That the old "Pfälzer Liturgy," with the necessary modifications, adapting it to our modern circumstances, be substituted for the liturgies in use at present. (e) That the General Synod is requested to conform strictly to the requirements of the constitution, which requires that all liturgies, hymn-books, etc., shall be referred to the different classes for approval or rejection.

Item 3, page 11. The German translation of the church constitution, by order of the Publishing House at Cleveland, is referred to the General Synod for inspection and approval.

Item 4, page 12. Same year. The General Synod is requested to grant permission to the Synod of the Northwest to divide and organize a new synod, and allow each synod an equal share in the property of all the institutions of the Synod of the Northwest—such as the Board of Missions, Mission House, Book Establishment, Board of Church Erection, etc.

Item 5, page 57. Same year. This Synod requests that the work of missions in harbors among immigrants, be prosecuted by the Board of the General Synod, with the co-operation of district synods, and it promises its hearty co-operation in the work.

Item 6, page 63. Same year. General Synod is requested to change Art. V. of the Constitution, referring to the licensure and ordination of candidates for the Christian ministry, so that those who have not pursued a full theological course of study, as well as ministers coming from other churches, shall not be received by the classes, but by the district synods.

Item 7, page 16. Minutes of 1879. The Milwaukee Classis calls the attention of General Synod to the difficulties of the Loran congregation, in northern Illinois, which has not yet complied with the request of the General Synod.

Item 8, page 11. Minutes of 1880. The General Synod is requested to fix upon a time when collections for the different objects of benevolence shall be taken up.

Item 9, page 17. Minutes of 1879. Zion's, Indiana, Erie, St. John's, and Heidelberg classes accept all the resolutions of the General Synod. Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL F. BBENDLE, *Chairman.*

Disposed of as follows: Items 1 and 9 were adopted; items 2, *a, b, c*, and 6 were referred to the Committee on the Revision of the Constitution; *d*, under item 2, was referred to the Committee on the Liturgy. For action in items 3, 4, 7, and 8, see Article XVIII., Church Government; item 5 was adopted and referred to the Board of Home Missions. See Article XIII., Missions.

4. *Synod of Pittsburgh.*

Your Committee on the Minutes of the Synod of Pittsburgh find only one thing requiring the attention of this General Synod, namely:

Item 1, Minutes of 1880, page 50. Resolution in regard to the preparation of a Liturgy and Hymnal by the General Synod. Respectfully submitted,

DAVID E. KLOPP, *Chairman.*

Disposed of as follows: The one item of the report was referred, in its two-fold aspect, to the respective committees raised by this General Synod on Liturgy and Hymn-Book.

5. *Synod of the Potomac.*

Your Committee on the Minutes of the Potomac Synod would respectfully report that the following items claim the consideration of this General Synod:

Item 1, page 11, minutes of 1878. The appointment of delegates to the Presbyterian Reformed Alliance was approved.

Item 2, page 11. The several requests and recommendations contained in items 2, 3, 4, 7, and 8 were adopted.

Item 3, page 42. The proposed amendment to the Constitution was adopted and referred to the classes for approval or rejection.

Item 4, page 39. The assessment of \$260 for the contingent fund of General Synod was adopted, and the treasurer instructed to pay the same to the treasurer of General Synod.

Item 5, pages 51 and 52, minutes of 1879. The Synod approved the action of General Synod in reference to the Peace Commission, and elected the requisite number of delegates.

Item 6, page 67, minutes of 1880. An overture to this synod to return to the basis or ratio of ministers in making its assessments for contingent expenses.

Respectfully submitted,

D. S. DIEFFENBACHER, *Chairman.*

Disposed of as follows: Items 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 were adopted; and in regard to item 6, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the request be not granted.

6. *German Synod of the East.*

Your Committee on the Minutes of the German Synod of the East would respectfully direct the attention of the reverend General Synod to the following points:

MINUTES OF 1878.

Item 1. On page 25, we find that the German Synod of the East instructed its mission board to transmit to the Board of

Missions of the General Synod a report of their operations always one month before the meeting of the General Synod.

Item 2, page 25. The Synod calls the attention of its classes to the organization of auxiliary missionary societies, as recommended by the General Synod.

Item 3, page 25. It calls upon the classes within its bounds to pay their respective proportions for the liquidation of the debt of the Church Extension Fund.

Item 4, page 38. The same synod adopted the two items by which the clerk of the synod is required to transmit one copy of its minutes annually to the Board of Missions, and three copies of the same to the General Synod.

Item 5, page 38. The Synod recommends to all its Sunday-schools the introduction of the German Sunday-school Hymn-Book, approved by the General Synod.

Item 6, page 40. The German Synod of the East hails with joy the resolutions of the General Synod in reference to the Peace Commission, and, in compliance with the request made, appointed its quota of members, and earnestly recommends to all its classes, ministers, consistories, and church-members, conscientiously to foster the cause of peace in their respective congregations.

Item 7, page 40. This Synod also calls the attention of its classes, pastors, and congregations to the earnest support of the cause of orphans as recommended by the General Synod.

MINUTES OF 1879.

Item 8, page 21. In reference to the proposed consolidation of the mission work, on account of the apparent difficulties in the way of the accomplishment of this matter, the Synod abstains from expressing its judgment until her elder sister synods shall have expressed their views.

Item 9, page 21. It has most earnestly recommended to its classes the plan of the General Synod by which all mission operations are to be carried on by the regular boards of the church.

Item 10, page 36. It respectfully requests the General Synod, in the interest of poor congregations, to retrench as much as possible the expenses of its triennial meetings.

Item 11, page 51. It respectfully asks the General Synod to transfer the "German Hymn-book Fund" to the Board of Directors of the German Publishing House, in Cleveland, Ohio.

Item 12, page 58. The General Synod is requested to refer the Appendix of the forty hymns to Dr. Schaff's German Hymn-book to the classes for their approval or rejection.

MINUTES OF 1880.

Item 13, page 25. As the German Synod of the East entertains the conviction that the work of immigrant missions is an interest that pertains to the whole church, it would refer this matter to the Board of Home Missions of the General Synod

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. C. ROENTGEN, *Chairman.*

Disposed of as follows: Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 were adopted; item 11 was adopted, and, on motion, the request granted; for action in item 12, see Article XVIII., Church Government; item 13 was adopted and referred to the Committee on Home Missions.

ARTICLE IX.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Standing Committees on the Official Reports of Classes—English and German—submitted their reports, which were received, considered item by item, and, as amended, adopted as a whole. These reports are as follows:

1. *English Classes.*

Your Committee on the Official Reports of English Classes beg leave to offer the following report:

On examining the papers placed in our hands, we find reports from the following classes:

East Pennsylvania, Lebanon, Philadelphia, Lancaster (E), West Susquehanna, Tohickon, Lehigh, Miami, Tiffin, Eastern

Ohio, Kansas, St. Joseph, Iowa, Clarion, Somerset, Allegheny, Zion's, Mercersburg, Maryland, and North Carolina.

On examining these reports we find the following items claiming your attention :

Item 1. All the above mentioned classes adopted the changes or amendments to the constitution recommended by the General Synod at Lancaster, Pa., 1878 (Minutes of 1878, page 65), with the following exceptions :

The Lancaster (Pa.) Classis rejects the proposed changes in Article L. Eastern Ohio Classis rejects the proposed changes in Article L. The Iowa Classis rejects the proposed addition to Article XXX. The Kansas Classis rejects the proposed changes in Articles L., LXXX., and LXXXI. St. Joseph Classis rejects the changes proposed in Article L.

Item 2. Tohickon Classis petitions the General Synod to consider the propriety of reviving the Church Extension Society.

Item 3. The Philadelphia Classis overtures General Synod, *a*), for a deliverance on the status of a church-member who has received a certificate of dismissal, but not yet deposited it elsewhere; *b*), for a deliverance on the question, What effect the granting of a certificate may have on the official relations of an elder or deacon so dismissed.

Item 4. The Tiffin Classis overtures General Synod for action in reference to the evil of intemperance.

Item 5. Allegheny Classis overtures General Synod in reference to an amendment of the statistical table.

Item 6. Iowa Classis renews its request made to the General Synod in 1878, Art. IX., item 9, page 19.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS S. LINDAMAN, *Chairman*.

Disposed of as follows: Item 1 was adopted; item 2 was adopted and referred to the Board of Home Missions; for action in items 3, *a*, and *b*, 4, and 5, see Article XVIII., Church Government; item 6 was adopted, and, on motion,

Resolved, That the request be not granted.

2. *German Classes.*

Your Standing Committee on the Official Reports of the German Classes begs leave to report :

That reports from the following German classes came into its hands, to-wit: Sheboygan, Heidelberg Milwaukee, Minnesota, Indiana, Zion's, Erie, Cincinnati, German Maryland, St. John's, and German Philadelphia.

Item 1. Sheboygan and Indiana classes adopted the action of the General Synod touching the support of the Orphan Homes.

Item 2. Sheboygan, German Philadelphia, and German Maryland classes adopted the recommendation of the General Synod of the German Sunday-school Hymn-book.

Item 3. The classes of Sheboygan, Heidelberg, Erie, Cincinnati, Minnesota, St. John's, German Philadelphia, German Maryland, Zion's, Indiana, and Milwaukee adopted the amendments to Articles XXX., LI., LXI., LXVII., LXXX., LXXXI., C., and L. of the Constitution.

Item 4. The classes of Sheboygan and Zion's adopted the action of the General Synod declaring that the English is the recognized official copy of the minutes of the General Synod. The classis of Sheboygan requests that the General Synod publish also an official copy of its minutes in the German language.

Item 5. The Classis of Sheboygan requests the General Synod to select a large part of the members of its Board of Home Missions from the Synod of the Northwest, and to intrust them with as large an amount of missionary money as possible.

Item 6. The classes of Minnesota and German Philadelphia regard the adoption of the forty hymns as an Appendix to Dr. Schaff's German Hymn-book without referring them to the different classes for their approval as contrary to the Constitution of the Church; and the classes of German Maryland and Zion's would willingly have approved said Appendix had it been referred to the different classes for such action.

Item 7. Minnesota Classis requests the General Synod to

appoint another committee for the purpose of preparing a centennial historical sketch of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Item 8. The same classis returns its thanks to the General Synod for the payment in part of the expenses of its delegates to the last General Synod.

Item 9. The classes of St. John's, German Maryland, Cincinnati, and Indiana adopted the recommendation of the General Synod to organize missionary societies in every congregation.

Item 10. The recommendation of the General Synod that the attention of the classes be directed to the office of the diaconate, was adopted by the classes of St. John's, German Philadelphia, German Maryland, Cincinnati, Zion's, Milwaukee, and Indiana.

Item 11. The amendment to Article L. of the Constitution, respecting the representation of classes in the district synods, was adopted by the classes of St. John's, German Philadelphia, Indiana, Heidelberg, Sheboygan, and Milwaukee. Sheboygan Classes, however, proposes the erasure of the last clause of this article. The classes of Cincinnati, Zion's, and German Maryland rejected this amendment to the Constitution.

Item 12. The German Philadelphia Classis requests the German Synod of the East, and through it the General Synod, in behalf of many poor congregations, to make the expenses of its meetings as small as possible.

Item 13. The Sheboygan Classis thanks the General Synod for the \$200 received for missionary work among the Indians

Respectfully submitted,

N. S. STRASSBURGER, *Chairman.*

Disposed of as follows: Items 1, 2, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13 were adopted; for action in items 3 and 7, see Article XVIII., Church Government; in items 4, 5, and 6, the following action respectively was adopted:

(4.) *Resolved*, That the request of the Sheboygan Classis was attended to by the General Synod at Fort Wayne, in 1875.

(5.) *Resolved*, That the General Synod has done in this respect as much as the charter of said Board allowed.

(6.) *Resolved*, That inasmuch as the General Synod has already taken action bearing on this subject, no further action is deemed necessary.

ARTICLE X.

OVERTURES.

The Standing Committee on Overtures submitted the following report, which was received, considered item by item, and then, as amended, adopted as a whole :

Your Committee on Overtures beg leave to submit the following report :

Item 1. A letter from Rev. J. F. Busche, of New York, containing, *a*), a request to be excused for his absence from the sessions of Synod ; *b*), a request to Synod to provide a missionary for the New York landing for immigrants from Germany.

Item 2 is a statement of Bethany Orphans' Home at Womelsdorf, Berks County, Pa.

Item 3 relates to various communications and documents from the clerks of the Alliance of Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian system : *a*), a copy of the Minutes of the Second General Council of the Alliance ; *b*), a copy of the Report of the Proceedings of the Second General Council of the Alliance ; *c*), a bill for the portion of expenses of said Alliance to be provided for by this General Synod, amounting to \$80 ; *d*), a communication from the clerks, calling special attention to an action of the Alliance, suggesting " the appointment of a small standing committee with whom the clerks of the Alliance may correspond ;" *e*), calls attention to a proposed change in the time of the next meeting of the Alliance.

Item 4. A communication from the Association of ministers and officers of the Reformed churches of Baltimore, Md., inviting the General Synod to hold its next triennial sessions in the Third Reformed Church of said city.

Item 5. A letter from Geo. Gelbach, reiterating a request that his claim against General Synod be adjusted.

Item 6. A petition from a conference of German ministers and elders relating to missions.

Item 7. A letter from Rev. I. K. Loos, calling attention to the necessity of missionary work for immigrants at our sea ports.

Item 8. A letter from Rev. John Gantenbein, of Portland, Oregon, in relation to George Gelbach's donation.

Item 9. A letter from Rev. C. Zimmerman, requesting the privilege of collecting money for foreign missions in India.

Item 10. An invitation from St. Paul's Reformed Church of Reading, Pa., to General Synod, to hold its next triennial meeting in that church.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. KENDIG, *Chairman.*

Disposed of as follows: Item 1, *a*), the request was granted, and *b*), the request was referred to the Committee on Home Missions; the statement in item 2 was referred to the Committee on Orphans' Homes; for action in item 3, *a*, *b*, *d*, and *e*, see Article XI., Correspondence with Sister Churches; and *c*, in item 3, together with items 5 and 8, was adopted and referred to the Committee on Finance; for results reached in items 4 and 10, see Article XXIII., Miscellaneous; the subject matter in items 6 and 7 was referred to the Committee on Home Missions; the request in item 9 was referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions.

ARTICLE XI.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH SISTER CHURCHES.

The Standing Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches submitted their report, which was received and as amended adopted, and is as follows:

I. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches would respectfully report as follows:

That it gave Synod great pleasure to receive the hearty congratulations presented to this Synod from the General Confer-

ence of the German Evangelical Church, of North America, by its delegate primarius, Rev. C. W. Locher. And that from a copy of the minutes of its last triennial meeting, held September 16, 1880, in St. Louis, Missouri, placed in our hands, it appears that the work of Christian training and home missions is very successfully prosecuted in their midst; and that we highly esteem their earnestness and zeal in extending the Redeemer's kingdom.

Also, that Rev. Thomas S. Childs, D. D., of Wooster, Ohio, appeared on Tuesday evening, May 24, 1881, as the representative of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, appointed at its present session in Buffalo, New York. After presenting his credentials as corresponding delegate of that body, Synod was addressed by him in fraternal terms, expressing to this Synod the cordial greetings of his reverend body. In connection with his remarks, he presented also a copy of the minutes of the General Assembly for the year 1880, enumerating from it statistics that relate to the strength, extent and efficiency of that denomination in its various church activities. Your Committee would add yet, that we feel fully constrained to reciprocate most cordially the initiatory step in this direction, praying that it may prove to be the beginning of a new era of true Christian fellowship and fraternal regard.

Respectfully submitted,
FREDERICK PILGRAM, *Chairman.*

After hearing the fraternal address of Rev. Thomas S. Childs D. D., in which it was indicated that the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, had adopted measures looking toward opening correspondence with the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, the following action was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this General Synod has heard with pleasure the greeting of the delegate from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, now in session at Buffalo, New York, and

cordially responds by appointing a delegate from this body to said Assembly at its present meeting, if possible, and thus establish formally fraternal relations between these two bodies.

In both instances, after the fraternal greetings and addresses of Rev. C. W. Locher and Dr. T. S. Childs, the president of Synod briefly and appropriately responded.

II. REPORTS FROM DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

The delegates elected by the last General Synod to Corresponding Bodies submitted their reports, which were received and adopted, and are as follows :

1. *The General Synod of the Reformed Church in America.*

As your delegate to the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, it gives me pleasure to report that it was my privilege to attend the sessions of that venerable body, in Brooklyn, New York, during the month of June, 1880. A cordial reception of your representative by that body, warm expressions of affectionate regard for the church represented by me, and assurances of interest in its work and of joy in the successful prosecution of it, combined to make the office assigned me a pleasant one. And I have the honor of bearing back to you the fraternal greetings of the General Synod attended, and their prayer that the rich blessing of the Lord may ever rest upon you and the church we represent..

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. A. BOMBERGER.

2. *The General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.*

The undersigned delegate primarius to the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, respectfully reports that he attended the meeting of that body held in Wooster, Ohio, in June, 1879. He was kindly received, and presented to that body the salutations of this Synod, together with a general statement of the condition and prospects of the Reformed Church in the United States.

The president, in the name of that General Synod, cordially

reciprocated the good wishes of this Synod, and expressed the desire that the friendly relation between the two churches might be continued.

The proceedings of this Synod, as far as your delegate could judge, were harmonious and marked by strong denominational attachment. Their general church interests appear to be in a flourishing condition. Their missionary activity in the home and foreign field seems to be well sustained, and is resulting in practical success.

The president of their synod requested your delegate to convey to this body the Christian salutations of their Church, and their wishes and prayers for our success in advancing the interests of the one common kingdom of our Lord.

Respectfully submitted,

EDMUND R. ESCHBACH.

FREDERICK, MD., May 3, 1881.

3. *The Triennial Provincial Synod of the Moravian Church.*

The undersigned, appointed as a delegate to represent this Synod in the Synod of the Moravian Church, reports that he, and also his alternate, Rev. George Wolff, D. D., for certain reasons, failed to attend to the duty assigned them.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJAMIN BAUSMAN.

4. *The Evangelical Synod of North America.*

Your delegate appointed to represent this General Synod in the Evangelical Synod of North America, would respectfully report that he discharged his duty in attending the sessions of that reverend body, convened at St. Louis, Mo., in September, 1880. He transmitted the greetings of the Reformed Church, and gave a short review of its aims and success, and of its present condition. He was much pleased to find that our sister church enjoys a good state of growth, and to observe especially that the cause of missions and of education are carried forward with great zeal and encouraging success. Your delegate was

received with kind attention, and was requested by the president of that Synod to return brotherly greetings.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN BACHMAN.

III. ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America.—Rev. Franklin W. Kremer, D. D., *primarius*; Rev. Moses Kieffer, D. D., *secundus*.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.—Rev. John B. Kniest.

To the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.—Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., *primarius*; Rev. Thomas C. Porter, D. D., *secundus*.

To the Triennial Synod of the Moravian Church.—Rev. Nicholas Gehr, D. D., *primarius*; Rev. Henry Mosser, *secundus*.

To the Evangelical Synod of North America.—Rev. Peter Greding, D. D., *primarius*; Rev. Oswald J. Accola, *secundus*.

IV. ALLIANCE OF REFORMED CHURCHES WITH PRESBYTERIAN SYSTEM.

The Committee on Minutes of General Synod, during the afternoon session on Friday, in item 2, reported that action had been taken with reference to the Alliance of Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian system, and the appointment of delegates to said Alliance. Therefore, in behalf of the delegates, the following report was received and adopted:

The following delegates to the Alliance of the Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian system, attended the sessions of that body, held in Philadelphia during the latter part of September and the first part of October, 1880, namely: Revs. Thomas C. Porter, D. D., LL. D., John H. A. Bomberger, D. D., Thomas G. Apple, D. D., Franklin W. Kremer, D. D., D. Ernest Klopp, D. D., Geo. W. Williard, D. D., Jacob Dahlman, D. D., Jacob O. Miller, D. D., George W. Glessner, D. D.,

Nicholas Gehr, D. D., John M. Titzel, Scott F. Hershey, Frederick W. Berleman, Thomas J. Barkley, John F. Busche, and Elders Jacob Radér, Esq., Hon. Thomas W. Chapman, Henry Tons, Esq., Christian M. Boush, Esq., and John P. Reed, Esq. Papers were read before the Alliance by two of your delegates, one by Dr. J. H. A. Bomberger, on the subject of "Regeneration," and one by Dr. T. G. Apple, on "The Theology of the German Reformed Church."

The attendance on the Alliance was large, representing Reformed Churches throughout the world, and the interest was kept up to the close. The next meeting of the Alliance is to be held in the city of Belfast, Ireland, in the fall of 1884. The regular time would have been in 1883, but in view of the fact that it was proposed to hold a World's Exposition in New York, it was thought best to postpone the holding of the Alliance one year later.

Your delegates believe that the Alliance is doing good in bringing nearer together the different branches of the Reformed Church throughout the world, and thus in advancing the general cause of church unity. The delegates were pleasantly entertained by the Reformed and Presbyterian churches in Philadelphia. During the sessions of the Alliance a very pleasant and profitable meeting of the Reformed (Dutch and German) churches was held in one of the Reformed churches, and a similar meeting was held in a public hall, where papers were read by delegates from Germany.

In behalf of the delegates. Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS G. APPLE.

The Committee on Overtures, during the afternoon session of the sixth day (Monday) of the sessions, reported, in item 3, relating to various communications and documents from the clerks of the second General Council of the Alliance of Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian system, that, *a*,) a copy of the Minutes, and, *b*,) a copy of the Report of the Proceedings of said council were received; that, *d*,) a communica-

tion from the clerks called the attention of this synod to an action of the Alliance, suggesting the appointment of a small standing committee with whom said clerks may correspond; and that, *e.*) the attention of this synod is directed to a proposed change in the time of the next meeting of the Alliance. These several sub-items under item 3 were severally adopted, and in this connection the following action was adopted:

a and *b.*) *Resolved*, That these printed documents be received, and the thanks of this General Synod be returned to the clerks of the Alliance for these documents.

d.) *Resolved*. That the officers of the General Synod be appointed a committee to correspond with the clerks of the Alliance.

e.) *Resolved*, That this General Synod approves of the proposed change in the time of holding the next meeting of the Alliance of Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian system, in the year 1883 instead of in 1884.

Resolved, That the officers of the General Synod be a committee to appoint delegates to the next Alliance, to be held in Belfast, Ireland, in the year 1884.

The officers of this synod, in accordance with their appointment in the last resolution, subsequently appointed the following persons as said

Delegates :

Rev. John H. A. Bomberger, D. D. Rev. Benj. Bausman, D. D.

“ Thomas G. Apple, D. D. “ James I. Good, D. D.

Elder Goldsborough S. Griffith.

ARTICLE XII.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

The Standing Committee on the State of the Church presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

Dear Brethren in the Lord:—Your committee has endeavored to obtain a clear view of the present state of Church by care-

fully examining the reports of the different synods, and by the use of such other helps as were in our reach. The result of our inquiry we now lay before you:

1. The preaching of the word is foremost in our commission, directing us to "preach the gospel to every creature." All the reports bring out prominently that the ministry has been zealously engaged in this work. Evidence before us indicates that "no uncertain sound" is given; that Christ is held up as the only hope of a perishing world, and faith in him the condition of our salvation. That this is done in a churchly manner, guarding and striving against an unfruitful formalism on the one hand, and an evanescent fanaticism on the other clearly appears from the reports. It is endeavored to present the whole counsel of God, whether men will hear or forbear. While mention is made of prevalent indifference, yet multitudes hear the word which still manifests itself in many as the power of God unto salvation. The ministry appear to be deeply impressed with the truth that in the gospel we bring the only sovereign remedy for the evils afflicting the human race. Here only is rest found for the weary and heavy laden; and that being truth, it will triumph over the various forms of error which are now prevalent. This fidelity to the truth and faith in the power of the gospel is to us an assurance that our labors will be crowned with success—that Zion will arise and shine.

2. The sacraments have been faithfully administered. The children of the Church bear the sign and seal of their covenant relation. The unconfirmed membership of the Church numbers 96,000, being an increase of 5,000 in three years.

The Lord's-supper is a "most comfortable sacrament" to the great body of our people; yet complaints are made that too many make light of the grace of God here presented unto them. Of the 161,000 members, 27,500 failed to appear at the Lord's table. Many of this number doubtless were providentially prevented; others heeded the warning to abstain so long as they were void of the needful preparation. We are pained to note this evil; but glad that the ministry is awake to and laboring to overcome it. The Lord grant that what is nigh unto

death be restored to life, and this wound of our Zion be healed.

3. The instruction of our youth is receiving careful and increasing attention. Where catechization had fallen into disuse it is being re-established in the affections of the people. Our ministry value very highly the privilege of thus indoctrinating and grounding the young in our most holy faith.

The Sunday-school work also is receiving due attention and finding its proper relation to the Church. This is manifested not only in the fact that the Sunday-school is brought more fully under the control of the Church, but also in this, that the instruction of the school is being so shaped as naturally to lead children into the catechetical class and to full membership of the Church. We note an increase of about 13,500 Sunday-school scholars since our last General Synod.

4. The growth of the Church has not been rapid, yet we consider it encouraging not only because it appears to us to be a healthy growth, but also as being a prophecy of greater progress to be made in the future.

5. The work of missions is enlisting the sympathy of the Church more and more. The home field to which our church feels specially called, opens out before us throughout the length and breadth of the land. The immigration of vast multitudes from among us and from Europe into the great West emphasizes the call. Increased liberality on the part of the Church, and enlarged experience on the part of its boards, encourages us to hope for much progress. But as a church we must learn that the silver and the gold are the Lord's and must lay them on his altar for his work if we will secure the growth he now offers. Three years ago we only indirectly had part in the work of foreign missions. To-day Bro. Gring represents us among the natives of Japan, and Bro. Hauser among our American Indians. Their labors are scarcely begun; but the prospect is encouraging, and we already perceive that the work, begun with many fears and on so small a scale, will presently enlarge and rebuke our little faith. Our people heartily sustain these efforts and manifest a will to work.

6. While our mission-work is enlisting attention, our care

for the orphans has not ceased. The Homes heretofore existing have been sustained, and the founding of one or more Homes farther to the west is in contemplation, as the way may providentially open.

7. Our educational work is also worthy of special mention. Our schools, colleges and seminaries, East and West, whether directly or indirectly under the control of the Church, are doing a great work in training our youth for various spheres of usefulness and for enlarged influence in society. The ranks of the ministry are strengthened by accessions of energetic young men, so that the present want of laborers is perhaps sufficiently met. But in view of that enlarged work which the near future will demand we should earnestly pray that many more may be equipped for this work. Further, we should bear in mind that our institutions send out very many into the professions other than the ministry, and also into private life. These exert a wide-spread influence in favor of the Church and for the right. We may well rejoice in the work already done and take courage.

8. We may here also refer to our periodical literature, with which our church is well supplied. The pastors generally labor to have their people in the possession of it, knowing that great good will result. It is gratifying to know that so many and excellent publications are sustained, and as silent bearers of precious truth enter our families.

9. But no subject has perhaps so marked this triennial period as that of peace returning to our Reformed Church. The reports and acts of every synod testify of the joy and gratitude of the whole Church for such mercy of God given to us. To be delivered from all the evils which had come upon us from our late discords might seem to fill our cup of rejoicing. But what greater cause for gratitude, that instead of now resting at ease, all the energies and resources of the Church are being directed to the accomplishment of a great work for the Lord. Now we stand shoulder to shoulder to contend against a common enemy, to do a common work for our one Lord, united in one faith, sealed by one baptism. Going forward under the gracious, benign influence of the spirit of peace who during these years

has hovered over us and begotten us to a new life, we shall not fail. The Lord will be our strength and give us the victory.

The state of our church, in short, is one of growing concord, of feeling after God and finding him, of gathering and organizing for work yet to be done. We rejoice, but let us not forget, he that putteth on his armor is not to rejoice as he that putteth it off. Our work is yet before us. Let gratitude and love inspire us to such zeal and devotion as apostles and martyrs manifested and the cloud of witnesses who encompass us, and we shall hereafter join in greater praise when we lay our armor by.

10. Finally, as Simeon, beholding the infant Savior, exclaimed, "Now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace; for my eyes have seen thy salvation;" so with the appearing of this salvation for our church, with the light of this day of peace increasing more and more unto the perfect day, twenty* of our brethren in the ministry during the past three years were permitted to go to their rest. Some had spent a lifetime in their Master's service; others were in their strength of manhood. We account

*The ministers of the Reformed Church who died between May, 1878, and May, 1881, are as follows :

NAMES.	Licensed.	Ordained.	Place of Death.	Time of Death	AGE.		
					Years.	Mont's	Days
Albright, George M.....	1861	1862	New Lisbon, O.....	1879, Feb. 22....	49	10	19
Ault, John.....	1858	1858	Littlestown, Pa.....	1880, July 26. ...	44	3	25
Berentz, Christian.....	1829	1829	Grandview, O.....	1879, March 23	85		
Bokum, Herman.....	1842	1843	Germantown, Pa..	1878, Aug. 5.....	71	7	3
Clemens, John M.....	1866	1866	Conyngham, Pa....	1880, Sep. 11.....	42	7	14
Denius, Solomon K.....	1821	1821	New Castle, Ind ...	1878, Sep. 29.....	80	1	18
Gilds, Nicholas E.....	1850	1851	Mechanicst'wn.Pa	1879, March 5....	59	10	18
Hacke, Dr. Nicholas P..	1819	1819	Greensburg, Pa.....	1878, Aug. 26....	77	11	6
Herr, William.....	1873	1873	Prospect, O.....	1878, Sep. 19.....	30	1	18
Hines, Jesse.....	1845	1846	Reedsburg, O.....	1879, Jan. 29 ...	72	2	27
Hoffman, Henry.....	1845	1845	Monroeville, Pa....	1879, Nov. 27....	65	4	20
Hoyman, Charles W.....	1858	1858	Somerset, O.....	1879, Feb. 10....	44	3	6
Kessler, Simon N L.....	1868	1868	Mulberry, Ind.....	1879, April 15....	33		9
Leidy, George.....	1818	1819	Norristown, Pa....	1879, May 30.....	85	6	23
Lienkemper, Charles....	1854	1855	Waukon, Iowa.....	1879, Nov. 14....	57	3	4
Sechler, Jacob.....	1837	1837	Hanover, Pa.....	1880, May 10 ...	74	1	22
Sorber, William.....	1842	1843	Vincent, Pa.....	1878, Dec. 7.....	50	2	3
Sykes, John H.....	1863	1864	Greencastle, Pa....	1880, Nov. 10....	46		5
Vandersloot, Fred W....	1830	1830	York, Pa.....	1878, Sep. 11....	74	9	3
Walk, Frederick.....	1864	1864	Philadelphia, Pa..	1880, Oct. 24.....	69	2	22

NOTE—Though not coming within the designated period of the above necrological register, it may be here appropriately added that Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D. D., died soon after the adjournment of the General Synod at Tiffin, Ohio, on Sunday, June 5, 1881, aged 71 years and 3 days, and his remains having been conveyed thither, were buried at Chambersburg, Pa., on the 7th of the month. [Stated Clerk.]

them blessed, as having gained the victory and resting from their labors. "Blessed are they who die in the Lord . . . ; for they rest from their labors, and their works do follow them." Our time also is short. We know not when we shall be summoned hence. May it find us at our post faithfully doing the work committed to us. And unto him who has redeemed us with his own precious blood, be the praise of our salvation : world without end. Amen.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH A. KELLER, *Chairman.*

(*For Statistical Reports see Appendix.*)

ARTICLE XIII.

MISSIONS.

The following reports on the subject of Missions, both Home and Foreign, claimed the attention of the General Synod, namely :

I. HOME MISSIONS—TRIENNIAL REPORTS.

1. *Report of Board of Home Missions.*

The Board met at Lancaster, Penn., in the First Reformed Church, May 22, 1878, and organized by electing the following officers, viz: President, Rev. J. O. Miller, D. D., York, Penn.; Secretary, Rev. J. A. Peters, Lancaster, Penn.; Treasurer, Chas. Santee, Philadelphia, Penn.

The Board appointed an Executive Committee consisting of the officers of the Board, and Rev. Dr. J. Kuelling and Rev. Geo. H. Johnston.

The attention of the Board of Missions of the Synod of Ohio, was directed to the importance of organizing an English interest in the city of Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Steps were taken towards promoting the work of missions in the state of Kansas, in the neighborhood of Emporia, and considerable has been done in that direction by the fostering care of the Tri-synodic Board.

A church property at Egg Harbor, New Jersey, whose title was vested in the Board, became involved in a series of financial difficulties and litigations, which the Board succeeded in adjusting, and then transferred the property to the German Synod of the East, the right and title to the property, to be vested in the congregation on the condition that it can not be alienated from the denomination.

The matter of a legacy of \$4,000, by Miss. Sarah Brinker, of New Lisbon, Ohio, for the cause of Home Missions of the General Synod, to which the attention of the Synod was called three years ago, came regularly to our attention, and negotiations were entered into for securing our interest in the said legacy. The amount received by the Board, so far, after deducting necessary expenses, is \$2,045, which has been invested at six *per centum* interest.

A similar legacy of \$100, has also been received from Miss Adelaide Dechant, of Catawissa, Penn., and invested; and the treasurer was instructed to pay the interest annually to the treasurer of the Tri-synodic Board according to the intent of the donor, as made known to the treasurer.

In order to carry out the spirit of the peace movement inaugurated at Lancaster, Penn., after the harmonious conclusion reached by the Commission at Harrisburg, the Board issued a circular in March, 1880, to all the pastors and charges, calling upon all our people to give a "thank-offering" to the Lord for missions, and the request was quite heartily responded to throughout all our borders.

In as much as these special offerings for missions were paid into the various treasuries of the Church and were mingled with other mission funds, we have no data from which to determine the precise results.

SUMMARY OF THE WORK OF MISSIONS IN THE SEVERAL SYNODS SINCE LAST MEETING.

I. Tri-synodic Report, embracing the Synods of the United States, Pittsburgh and Potomac.

Number of Missions.

During the past three years this Board has had under its care 44 missions; of which in Pennsylvania there were 27, in Maryland there were 2, in Virginia there were 3, in Delaware there was 1, in District of Columbia there was 1, in North Carolina there were 3, in Kansas there was 1, in Nebraska there was 1, in California there were 3, in Oregon there were 3, in Washington Territory there was 1. The number at present is 39.

Statistics.

Communicants in the missions as reported last year...	3,408
Additions	655
Baptisms	480
Sunday-school scholars	3,309
Additions during the last three years	1,315
Baptisms " " " " "	1,223
Contributions for benevolent objects.....	\$ 2,348
" " local objects	\$ 45,602
Cost of Church property, <i>about</i>	\$150,000
Amount of indebtedness	\$ 25,000

Contributions.

Amount contributed for missions from May 1878, to	
May 1879.....	\$ 7,538,17
From May 1879 to May 1880.....	10,834,86
" " 1880 " " 1881.....	12,947,28
Total amount.....	\$31,320,31

Over \$5,000 were contributed for the erection of new churches at Washington, Emporia, and elsewhere, most of which did not pass through the hands of the treasurer.

New Missions Established and Old Missions Discontinued.

The missions at Johnstown, Penn., at Sharon, Penn., at Ridgeley, Md., at New Castle, Penn., at Alameda, Cal., at Canby, Oregon., at Walla Walla, Washington Territory, at Concord, N. C., at Lexington, N. C., at Moffett's Grove, N. C., at Emlenton, Penn., at Lancaster, Penn., Trinity Mission, York Co., Penn., Marietta, Penn., and Mint Spring Mission, Va., have been re-

ceived under the care of the Board as new missions. The German Mission in New York city, under the care of the Eastern German Board, receives support in part from this Board. Several other missions were established during the past year, but they are as yet without pastors. Quite recently a missionary was commissioned to go to Nebraska, who expects to locate himself at Anrora, in that state. The German Mission at Chambersburg, Penn., is no longer under the Board, but it is served by the resident pastor. The Mission in Allegheny City, has been discontinued for the present. The Missions at San Francisco, Cal., at Middlebrook, Va., and Emlenton, have become self-sustaining.

Missionary Societies.

Since the last meeting of the General Synod, numerous missionary societies have been established in the churches and Sunday-schools, and missionary-meetings held, which rendered material assistance in increasing the income of the Board.

Missionary Paper.

A new missionary paper, called the "*Reformed Missionary Herald*," has been started, and is now published monthly, under the direction of the Board. It has been welcomed in the Church wherever it has been circulated, and promises to be a useful help in promoting the missionary cause.

Recommendation.

We recommend that the General Synod take measures to revive the Church Extension Society, and so create a church-building fund, by which missions or poor congregations may receive assistance in putting up new churches or in paying off old debts, in the way of loans, properly secured, and paying a moderate interest. This would be of great use in promoting the missionary work in the church at large, and might begin at once if the General Synod would request all the congregations within its bounds to make an appropriation to this object annually. The loans made in former years to missionary congregations might in part at least also be paid back to the society. Accordingly, we so recommend.

Remarks.

From the foregoing statement it will appear that the work of missions, committed to the Tri-synodic Board, has made an encouraging degree of progress during the past three years. The field of operation has been considerably enlarged; the interest of our ministers and members in the missionary cause has been awakened and intensified; the contributions of the churches have been increased; order and system have been established; and the missionary out-look at the present time is perhaps more encouraging than it has ever been before. At the same time we are painfully sensible of the fact, that our churches are only doing a little of what they might and ought to do for the spread of the kingdom of God. For the measure of success that has crowned our labors in Christ's vineyard, we feel bound to give thanks to God, our heavenly Father, who alone giveth the increase, and hoping that this department of the work of the Church may go on, prospering more and more in the future.

Report of the Board of Home Missions of Ohio Synod.

Number of missions under the care of Board during three years	17
Number of missions under the care of Board during 1880	9
Number of missions transferred.....	1
Number of missions self-sustaining, 1880.....	4
Number of missions unsupplied.....	3
Number of communicant members, 1880.....	586
Number of Sunday-school scholars, 1880.....	660
Additions by confirmation and certificate for three years...	293
Additions by baptism for three years.....	187
Benevolent contributions for three years	\$ 603 00
Congregational purposes for three years.....	10,377 00
Moneys paid out, 1878, \$1,772 04; 1879, \$3,012 89;	
1880, \$3,206 08.....	7,991 01
An increase on the past three years.	
Balance of indebtedness due	1,090 45
Decrease of \$838 91 in three years.	

From the above it will be seen that their receipts have increased, and the debt of the Board decreased.

Since the meeting of the Synod in 1880, a missionary superintendent and financial agent has been employed at the work in the West and in Ohio.

During the year 1879, the Board of Missions could do but little in exploring in the West, owing to a deficiency in funds. The missionary superintendent was, it must be confessed, little more than a financial agent. The Church is waking up to this neglected work throughout Ohio and Indiana, and they hope for greater triumphs in their field so ripe for the harvest.

Report of the Board of Missions of the Synod of the Northwest.

This Board has had under its care during the past three years, forty-six missions, scattered over the large territory committed to their care. Most of their missions have been in the far west.. Of these, fifteen missions have become self-supporting during the past three years, and six have been abandoned for want of success. So that there remains still twenty-five missions under their care in successful operation.

This Board has raised for the cause of missions, during the past three years, \$9,737.87, and paid out for the cause of missions, \$9,778.50.

They have furnished us with no statistics as to the increase of members, or baptisms, or Sunday-school work, or what the missions have done for themselves; but it is evident that they have been active and done a good work.

Report of the Board of Missions of the German Synod of the East.

This Board has under its care at present six missions, five of which have become self-sustaining during the past three years. They have had eleven missions in all. The number of communicants in these missions have been 1,764, being an increase by confirmation and certificate, during the past three years, of 728 members. The number of Sunday-schools, was 11, scholars, 1823, and baptisms, 605 during this time. These missions have contributed for benevolent purposes, \$826, and for local purposes, \$24,327.

The whole amount contributed by this synod since the last meeting of the General Synod for Home Missions, is as follows :

1878.....	\$2,002 18
1879.....	1,334 14
1880.	1,611 '95
Total.	<hr/> \$4,948 27

An increase over the previous three years of——

This synod has under its care a small number of missions, as compared with the past, but they are as expensive to them as when the number was larger. They propose to start a mission in the city of Reading as soon as their means will allow, and ask that the General Synod would aid them with any means at its command.

Report of the Iowa Missions.

Iowa Classis has at present seven missions under its care. The Boulder Mission became self-sustaining during the last three years. No missions have been abandoned. The missions are as follows, namely : Brandon, Millersburg, Pleasant Valley, Wilton, Smithtown, Leighton, and Palmers. The membership is 319. The amount appropriated to their support, of *five* of these above named, is \$430. Sunday-school scholars, 263, additions to the communicant membership 217, baptisms, 106, and contributions for benevolence by the missions, \$488, and for local objects, \$4,877.

Report of the Ursinus Union.

The Ursinus Union has but one mission of its own, but it assists missions in different quarters in the church according to the judgment of its committee, and some funds were paid into the treasury of the Synod of Ohio. The whole amount collected since the last meeting of the General Synod for missions, is \$2,444.11. This Union has no distinctive board of missions, but acts through other organized agencies. Its mission at Shenandoah is under the care of the Tri-synodic Board.

Summary.

Whole No. of Missions.		Expenditures.
Three Eastern synods.....	39	\$31,321 31
Synod of Ohio.....	17	7,991 01
Synod of the Northwest.....	25	9,778 50
Iowa Classis.....	7	1,000 00
German Synod of the East.....	6	4,948 27
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Total Missions	94	\$55,039 09

Amount of Expenditures.

The amount passed through the hands of the treasurer of General Synod's Board for missions in Iowa, is \$600.08.

The expenses of the Board remaining unpaid are \$34.10, which the Board respectfully asks this Synod to pay.

In the nature of the case your Board has been limited in its work, not because its members have not been anxious to engage more largely, and specifically in this primary work of the Christian Church, but because their opportunities were comparatively limited. In view of the condition of the Church in the last decade or more, the work of missions has been carried forward by the several synods and classes in their individual or several capacities. Now that the spirit of peace is hovering over our Zion, new life and zeal in the cause is everywhere manifested within the boundaries of the Church, and we can only express the confident hope that we are entering on a new period of progressive work, which, ere long, will show itself in abundant fruits. And now to God shall be all the glory: world without end. Amen.

Respectfully submitted,

JACOB O. MILLER, *President.*

JOHN A. PETERS, *Secretary.*

2. *Report of Treasurer of Board of Home Missions.*

CHAS. SANTEE, *Treasurer, in account with the Board of Home Missions of the General Synod—Reformed Church in the United States.*

1878.

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May 21, Collection Missionary Meeting at Lancaster, Pa., per Rev. G. H. Johnston	\$ 19 13
“ 24, Rev. D. S. Fouse, Treasurer, Iowa Classis, collected at General Synod at Lancaster, Pa., for Rev. S. C. Long, Missionary to Iowa.....	28 00
July 10, L. E. Shriver, “Union Mills,” Md., “credit to a friend”	10 00
Sep. 21, T. J. Craig, Treasurer Pittsburg Synod, for Iowa Missions.....	50 00
Oct. 14, Rev. T. F. Hoffmeier, Middletown, Md., for D. S. Fouse, Iowa Missions.....	10 00
“ 29, T. J. Craig, Treasurer, Pittsburg Synod, for Iowa Miss’ns	100 00
Nov. 12, A. C. Geary, Keedysville, Md., Mt. Moriah Charge, for Iowa Classis.....	10 00
Dec. 16, Christ Reformed Church, Philadelphia.....	25 00
“ 27, Per Rev. H. Mosser, Treasurer, Lebanon Classis, from St. John’s Church, Lebanon, Pa.....	25 00

1880.

April 6, Jacob J. Brinker, Executor of the Estate of Sarah Brinker, deceased, Columbiana Co., Ohio, part of a Legacy, the principal to be invested, and the interest only to be used for Home Missions, the amount received, deducting \$4.00 exchange.....	1,632 36
“ 22, From a Friend in Wisconsin.....	1 50
“ 24, Jacob J. Brinker, Executor of the Estate of Sarah Brinker, deceased, Columbiana Co., Ohio, on account of a Legacy, the principal to be invested, and the interest thereof only to be used for Home Missions, the sum received, deducting \$1.10 exchange.....	435 26
July 6, Rev. Geo. B. Dechant, Executor of the Estate of Mary R. Dechant, deceased, for Adelaide Dechant, according to her will, her death occurring before the expiration of thirty days, the principal sum to be invested, and the interest to be paid to the Treasurer of the Tri-synodical Board of Home Missions.....	100 00
Aug. 14, Kate Eiler, per Rev. S. R. Fisher, D. D.....	1 00
Oct. 2, Six months’ interest on \$2,000, Am. S. S. Co., six per cent, Sarah Brinker Legacy	60 00
“ 4, Per Rev. D. S. Fouse, Treasurer, Iowa Classis, namely : Rev. F. C. Bauman, Harmony Charge.....	55 00
“ D. S. Fouse, Tipton Charge	75 00
“ D. P. Lefever, Pleasant Valley Charge.....	31 00
“ C. Cort, Columbus Junction Charge.....	19 40
“ T. S. Land, Brandon Charge.....	21 75

Carried forward.....\$ 2,709 40

Brought forward.....	\$ 2,709 40
Rev. H. Keller, Maquoketa Charge.....	17 00
Leighton Mission.....	6 80
Rev. J. Kuhn, Millersburg Charge.....	5 00
“ S. C. Long, Wilton Charge.....	40 00
“ F. C. Bauman, Thank Offering.....	10 00
“ D. S. Fouse, “ “	12 00
“ T. S. Land, “ “	5 00
“ J. Kuhn, “ “	5 00
“ C. Cort, “ “	10 00
“ H. Keller, “ “	5 00
“ S. C. Long, “ “	5 00
Dec. 3, Semi-annual dividend on two shares Pennsylvania R. R. Co., Adelaide Dechant, Legacy.....	4 00
1881.	
April 1, Six months' interest on \$2,000, Am. S. S. Co., six per cent, Sarah Brinker Legacy.....	60 00
Total.....	\$2,894 20
1881.	
May 10, To Balance in the hands of the Treasurer.....	\$149 12
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1878.	
May 24, Cash to Rev. D. S. Fouse, Treasurer Iowa Classis.....	\$ 28 00
Sep. 21, “ “ “ “ “ “ “	50 00
Oct. 14, “ “ “ “ “ “ “	10 00
“ 31, “ “ “ “ “ “ “	129 13
Dec. 16, “ “ “ “ “ “ “	35 00
“ 27, “ “ “ “ “ “ “	25 00
1880.	
May 14, Cash paid Emory, Freed & Co. for 2,000 Am. S. S. Co. Loan, principal and interest guaranteed by the Pennsylvania R. R. Co., at 102 and com'n interest six per cent, payable April 1st and October 1st.....	2,045 00
July 9, Cash paid Emory, Freed & Co. for two shares Pennsyl- vania R. R. Co., par value, \$50.00, cost 53½ and com. \$107.25, less donation from Chas. Santee, Treas., \$7.25	100 00
Oct. 4, Cash to Rev. D. S. Fouse, Treasurer, Iowa Classis, per receipts.....	322 95
1881.	
May 10, By Balance in the hands of the Treasurer	149 12
Total.....	\$2,894 20

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES SANTEE, *Treasurer.*

We, the undersigned, examined the above account, compar-
ing it with the vouchers, and found it correct.

DANIEL W. GROSS. }
GEO. H. JOHNSTON. } *Auditing Committee.*

II. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Standing Committee on Home Missions submitted their report, which was received, and, together with the preceding reports, adopted, and is as follows :

Your Committee on Home Missions beg leave to offer the following report :

The following documents were placed in their hands for examination :

I. The report of the Board of Home Missions. From this we learn that there are ninety-four missions under the care of the different district boards, and the amount raised and expended in their support is \$55,039.09. This amount is \$13,000 in excess of what was reported at the last meeting of the General Synod. This, indeed, indicates some reasonable degree of increase in the benevolent activity of the church, and for this there is reason for thankfulness; yet it must be acknowledged that it comes far short of what the church is able to accomplish in the important work of Home Missions. It may be accepted, however, as a tangible evidence that the return of peace to the church has quickened its activity in practical work. The report refers to the fact that missionary societies are being organized in the congregations, and that much has been accomplished by this means in developing the benevolence of the church. The report of one of the subordinate boards recommends the revival of a Church Extension Fund to aid, in the way of loans, in the erection of new church-buildings for missions that are destitute of such buildings. The General Board has given what attention it could to some supervision of the general field, and it has attended to certain bequests made to it; but its power to act has been very much circumscribed by the fact that nearly all missionary work has been carried forward by the district boards, and also by the fact that its members reside so far apart that it has been very difficult, if not impossible, to secure their attendance at its meetings. There has been a very general desire to bring the missionary operations of the church under the more immediate and direct control of this General

Board, but your committee can see no way by which this can be accomplished at present. They are of the opinion, however, that one important step toward it would be to locate the Board at some center in the east or in the west, and the election of such members as reside at or near such center. We believe that such centralization and unification of the missionary work, so far as it may be desirable, will be reached in due time; but, inasmuch as this matter will be considered in the adoption of a new constitution, which is in contemplation, your committee do not feel prepared to make any recommendation on this point at present. In reference to the general subject, we recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That this General Synod hereby commends the cause of Home Missions to the district synods and their boards, and requests them to take such action as shall increase the activity and efficiency of the church in this important work.

Resolved, That the request is hereby repeated that the boards of the district synods report to the Board of the General Synod, at least one month before its triennial meeting, a statement of their labors and their financial condition, and that each synod be requested to send a copy of its annual minutes to the Board of the General Synod.

II. An interesting paper from Rev. J. H. C. Roentgen, on the subject of commencing missionary work in Germany, with a view to strengthen the efforts of our Reformed brethren there to revive and maintain the historical Reformed Church holding our honored symbol of faith, the Heidelberg Catechism, in the fatherland.

While your committee are impressed with the deep importance of the subject brought forward in this paper, yet, in view especially of the urgent demand for work in the home field in our own country, we recommend the following:

Resolved, That this General Synod does not see its way clear at the present time to take any action in reference to the subject brought to its attention in this paper.

III. Letters from Rev. J. F. Busche, Rev. I. K. Loos, and also recommendations from the Ohio Synod and the German

Synod of the East, urging the appointment of a missionary to the spiritual direction of immigrants of the Reformed Church of Germany landing in New York. Your committee believe that the most efficient service in this matter can be rendered by providing the means of grace for immigrants from the fatherland in those sections of our country where they become settled, yet we recognize the importance also of the work here brought to the attention of the Synod. We therefore recommend the following resolution :

Resolved, That the appointment of a missionary for immigrants at the port of New York is hereby referred to the Board of Home Missions of the General Synod, with the request that said Board, as soon as it may find it practicable, appoint such missionary ; and we recommend that whatever may be necessary for his support beyond the funds that may be appropriated from the treasury of the General Board, be paid in equitable proportion by the different district boards, and that the Board of the General Synod shall make the apportionment to the district boards.

Your committee recommend that the treasurer of the Board of the General Synod be authorized to pay the expenses of its members in attending to their duties, amounting, as reported, to \$34.10.

And now, in conclusion, believing that something remains to be done in the better organization of the missionary operations of the church, and yet that the church has been making commendable progress in this direction ; and believing also that the present plans and organizations, until something more complete can be reached, are abundantly sufficient to provide for a wise and efficient use of the benevolent contributions of the church for this cause, this Synod hereby, in the name of the Lord and Master, commends to all the churches the Home Missionary work. Believing, moreover, that the peace and harmony of the church will be more firmly established in the degree in which she is diligent and faithful to the great trust committed to her hands, and also as a thanksgiving for what has already been vouchsafed in the progress of the peace move-

ment, this Synod urges upon all her churches and people to remember in their prayers and alms the self-denying labors of our missionaries, so that the good work may increase and prosper in the years to come, and receive the benediction of the great Head of the Church. Respectfully submitted.

THOMAS G. APPLE, *Chairman.*

On motion, the following action was adopted :

Resolved, That the collection raised at the synodical missionary meeting held on Monday evening, amounting to \$38.85, be paid into the treasury of the Board of Home Missions of the General Synod, and be devoted to the immigrant missionary work.

III. FOREIGN MISSIONS—TRIENNIAL REPORTS.

1. *Report of Board of Foreign Missions.*

FATHERS AND BRETHREN :

The members of the Board of Foreign Missions elected by Synod at the last triennial sessions beg leave respectfully to report, that they have given the subject committed to their care their most earnest attention and oversight. The Board, as at present constituted, held its first meeting and affected an organization during the sessions of your reverend body at Lancaster, Pa., three years ago, since which time various meetings have been held as the progress of the work demanded.

An examination of the past history of our church in relation to foreign mission work, reveals the fact that prior to the year 1878, no missionary had been appointed to the foreign field. The pressing demand in the home field, especially in connection with the ever-increasing tide of German immigration to our country, in a great degree, absorbed the missionary resources of our denomination. Notwithstanding this, our church has not been idle in the work of the Master in the foreign field. One of our ministers, the late Rev. Benjamin Schneider, D. D., gave the best years of his life to this service in Syria, under the care of the American Board of Commissioners of

Foreign Missions, and was signally successful in his labors for the common cause.* Besides this, the German Evangelical Mission Society sustains a flourishing mission in Bismarck, India, to which many of our German churches send their annual contributions. This mission is also under the care of one of our ministers, Rev. Oscar T. Lohr, formerly assisted by one of our brethren, Rev. Jacob Hauser. In this way we have been co-operating in the foreign work.

For some years past, however, the feeling has been gaining ground among us that we should have a regular mission of our own in the foreign field. Accordingly, on April 15, 1873, the Board, at its meeting in Harrisburg, resolved that Japan should be the country where a mission of the church should be planted when the way should be open. We learned, also, from the late treasurer's report, that a surplus of \$5,296.39 remained in the treasury.

With these facts as a basis, your Board proceeded to inaugurate measures looking to a speedy occupation of the field already selected, by sending out a missionary who should be the representative of the Reformed Church, and labor exclusively under its auspices and control. Announcements were made of the purpose of the Board, on the floors of synods, and through the columns of the church papers, calling for volunteers, and urging the importance of the work upon the attention of the ministry. A number of responses were obtained to the appeal, and the Board assembled to examine the candidates. This meeting was held in Harrisburg, September 30, 1878, and Rev. Ambrose D. Gring was elected missionary, and the Executive Committee was authorized to furnish him with the necessary outfit and send him forth to Japan. At a meeting of the Synod of the United States, held at Easton, October 25, 1879, the missionary was solemnly ordained to the gospel ministry, and assigned by the Executive Committee to Japan as his missionary station. Various meetings of a public character were subsequently held in different parts of the church, at which addresses were made

*During the time of Dr. Schneider's labors, many of our churches contributed to his support.

by the missionary and others, through which, it is believed, a spirit of earnest enthusiasm was aroused in behalf of the cause.

The missionary and his wife, Mrs. Harriet L. Gring, followed by the prayers and best wishes of many hearts, sailed from San Francisco in May, 1879, and reached Yokohamma the following month. Here they rented a house, and providing themselves with the necessities of life, secured foreign teachers and at once commenced the difficult study of the Japanese language. Through correspondence with the missionary, the members of the Board learned that suitable buildings were very scarce in Japan, and the rents very high. It was also learned that Yokohamma was a suburban town, occupied chiefly by foreigners from various countries, so that it would not be a favorable place for missionary work among the natives. Accordingly, it was thought best to transfer the missionary residence to Tokio, the great capital city of this enterprising nation.

About this time a fine lot and dwelling, situated in the foreign concession, named Tsukiji, was offered for sale for only about one half its cost value. As the purchase of this property would relieve the Board from the heavy expense otherwise annually incurred by house rent, negotiations were entered into, and the property purchased for \$3,955.50. After some necessary repairs were made, the missionary moved into the premises June 28, 1880. In this house, now the property of the church, described as both spacious and firmly built, with a fine lot surrounding it, the missionary and family at present reside; and from this point, as a center, a good work, it is hoped, will hereafter be accomplished.

As will be seen from the treasurer's report, our people have generously responded to the call for money both to purchase the mission house and sustain the missionary. The fine certificate prepared by the treasurer of the Board, presenting portraits of Mr. and Mrs. Gring, and a cut of the mission house, has met with a hearty reception in our Sunday-schools—100 copies having been distributed to our ministers, and 8,400 copies sold.

While expressing thanks for the gifts already received, we respectfully solicit the same favor for the future.

The Board is entirely dependent upon the church for the means to further prosecute its work, and therefore appeals to all its members for regular contributions, in collections, subscriptions, or private gifts.

The present time is regarded as very suitable for the prosecution of the work we have now undertaken. In view of the peace movement inaugurated by your reverend body at Lancaster, and formulated by the Peace Commissioners at Harrisburg, in 1879, now to be passed upon by Synod at the present sessions, we would urge the propriety of a hearty union of all parts of the church in the work of Foreign Missions. Differences will more readily disappear when we are all intent upon the observance of our Lord's command: "Go into all the world and preach my gospel to every creature."

For the proper management of the funds and other properties which are now, or may come into the custody of the Board, a charter has been secured, dated at Harrisburg, Pa., April 25, 1881, and executed according to law by the Court of Common Pleas of Dauphin County, Pa. According to the charter the new name of the Board is, "The Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States."

In a letter bearing date February 25, 1881, the missionary suggests the expediency of sending out a *lady helper* to work among the women of Japan. The mission house, he states, has a room ready for her occupancy, and the expense will not require more than six or eight hundred dollars per annum as salary, and an additional sum sufficient to cover cost of outfit and traveling expenses. In this connection the Board would express the hope that the women of the Reformed Church will soon come to the aid of the good cause, and as a sex, endeavor to assist in rescuing the women of Japan from their heathen degradation.

In this connection, however, it should be mentioned that a suggestion was made to the Board that a single young man should be sent instead, as soon as the way be open, that he might proceed to learn the language, and share the responsibilities of the management of our mission work in Japan. The

Board would gladly receive advice from the General Synod on this point, and have the assurance that in case either plan be adopted the expenses would be promptly met by increase of contributions to the treasury for the purpose.

We would recommend further, that four ministers and two elders be elected by Synod as members of the Foreign Mission Board for a term of six years; and also four ministers and two elders for a term of three years. We also respectfully suggest that the members elected be located within reasonable traveling distance of the accustomed place of meeting.

We trust, also that Synod will hold suitable anniversary services in connection with the subject of Foreign Missions during the present sessions.

We would also report to the General Synod that we have donated to the Indian Mission under the care of the Sheboygan Classis, the sum of six hundred dollars.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID VAN HORNE, *President.*

2. *Report of Treasurer of Board of Foreign Missions.*

RUDOLPH F. KELKER, *Treasurer of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States, in account with said Board.*

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1878. To cash received as follows, to-wit:

July 10, Second Greensburg Charge, J. W. Love, pastor, viz:	
Second Greensburg Charge, \$32 65; Stanton, \$1 30;	
Seanon, \$2 05.....	\$ 36 00
July 15, Mrs. Cath. K. Small, Harrisburg.....	25 00
Sept. 8, Rev. Edmund Erb, Apple Creek Charge, Ohio.....	5 00
" 12, H. J. Seibert, Martinsburg, W. Va., per Rev. Hoffheins	5 00
" 18, Thos. J. Craig, Esq., former treasurer of the Board.....	5,296 39
Oct. 1, Zion's Reformed Congregation, Philadelphia, per Rev.	
Dr. Gehr.....	15 00
" 2, Catharine Kunkel, Harrisburg, Pa.....	25 00
" 7, Rev. D. Willers, D. D., Fayette, N. Y., collected in his	
charge	10 00
" 19, Geo. W. Hensel, Treasurer Synod U. S., interest on	
Gerhart legacy.....	12 00
" 21, Pleasantville Charge, Pa., pastor. Uriah Weidner.....	22 50
Carried forward.....	\$ 5,451 89

	Brought forward.....	\$ 5,451 89
Dec.	2, Dreisbach Sunday-school, Lewisburg, Pa., pastor, Geo. E. Adams.....	20 00
"	4, Sunday-school New Holland, Pa., pastor D. W. Gerhard.....	6 05
1879.		
Jan.	1, St. Peter's Sunday-school, Mt. Pleasant, Pa., pastor, S. Z Ream.....	3 00
"	6, Dr. S. R. Fisher, from Miss Elizabeth Dieffenbacher, Edwardsburg, Mich.....	3 40
"	17, Prof. Thos. M. Stein, pastor, H. Mosser, Reading, Pa.	2 50
"	18, Rev. D. Van Horn, D. D., Philadelphia, collections as follows: Union meeting of Race St. and Christ churches, \$26 00; Trinity Church, Philadelphia, \$10 00; Sunday-school Race Street Church, \$2 45...	38 45
"	20, Martinsburg, W. Va., pastor, J. A. Hoffheins.....	6 25
Feb.	1, Sunday-school Emanuel's Reformed Church, Bridesburg, pastor, C. Keller.....	3 00
"	4, St. Paul's Reformed Sunday-school, Big Creek, Pa., pastor, J. E. Freeman.....	2 16
"	5, St. John's Reformed Sunday-school, Allentown, Pa., pastor, S. G. Wagner.....	14 20
"	10, Heidelberg Reformed Church, Philadelphia, Wm. Stearly, treasurer.....	17 40
"	13, Reformed Church Springborough, Ohio, J. Siegfried, treasurer	5 00
"	17, Sunday-school First Reformed Church Lebanon, Pa., J. L. Lemberger, treasurer.....	50 00
"	" Mrs. W. H. Fenneman, Waterloo, Indiana.....	6 50
March	7, Reformed Church, Middletown, Md., pastor, T. F. Hoffmeier	10 00
"	11, Rev. Ambrose D. Gring, moneys paid to him by others, namely, collection, Myerstown Ref. Church, Rev. Dr. Wolf, \$4.60; Miss Sallie Spangler, Myerstown, Pa., first money earned by her as music teacher, \$6.00; Mr. Hoffman, Hagerstown, Md., \$1.00.....	11 60
"	13, Juvenile Missionary Society of Zion's Reformed Church, Philadelphia, Rev. N. Gehr, D. D., pastor..	20 00
"	17, Rev. H. Mosser, Reading, Pa., collection held at Farewell Missionary meeting in First Reformed Church March 13, 1879.....	42,41
"	21, Children of Dr. Roher, Trappe, Montgomery, Co. Pa..	3 00
"	22, Christ's Reformed Sunday-school, Annville, Pa., Rev. J. E. Hiester, D. D.....	20 00
"	26, Tulpehocken Reformed Sunday-school, L. Bleichert, treasurer	10 00
"	28, Reformed Church, Shrewsbury, Pa., Rev. D. Gring...	2 65
"	" Reformed Church, Huntingdon, Pa., per elder David Dunn.....	5 50
	Carried forward.....	\$ 5,754 96

Brought forward.....		\$5,754 96
April 5, A friend, Union Mills, Md., per T. J. Craig, Pittsburg..		10 00
“ 26, Rev. N. Wiers, pastor, New Bavaria, Ohio, namely, Emanuel's Reformed Church, \$3.47; St. John Re- formed Church, \$5.09; widow R., \$2.00; Mrs. S., \$1.00; C. J. F., \$5.00; thank offering from W. Aagtje, \$1.00; a friend of missions, 44 cents; Adam Rettig, \$1.00...		19 00
“ 28, Slatington charge, Pa., Rev. L. K. Derr.....		30 00
May 7, West Salem charge, Ohio, pastor, L. M. Kerschner		7 15
“ 12, Boalsburg Reformed Church, Centre County, Pa., Rev. W. A. Haas		4 36
“ 14, Reformed Sunday-school, Shepherdstown, W. Va., per J. C. Bowman, pastor.....		30 00
“ “ Kelker brothers, for principal and interest of temporary loan of March 1, 1879.....		2024 67
“ 19, Rev. S. G. Wagner, treasurer, East Pa., classis from St. Mark's Reformed Church, Easton, Pa., \$5.00; a member of St. John's Church, Allentown, \$5.00....		10 00
May 22, D. B. Manger, treasurer, Goshenhoppen Classis, Rev. Dr. Weiser's charge: Easter offering New Goshen- hoppen Church, Tobias Freed, treasurer, \$59.16; Easter offering Trinity Reformed Church, Great Swamp, N. C. Roeder, treasurer, \$44.87.....		104 03
“ Rev. S. R. Fisher, D. D., contributions of White Marsh Sunday-school, Montgomery County, Pa., J. D. Detrich, pastor, \$3.79, and from Kate Eyler, \$1		4 79
“ 29, Reformed Sunday-school of Frederick, Md., per Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D. D.....		95 16
June 3, Hanover, Pa., Reformed Church, per H. Wirt, Esq., treasurer.....		30 00
“ Trinity Reformed Sunday-school, Norristown, Pa.....		12 00
“ 17, S. Whitehall, Missionary Society, Allentown, Pa., pas- tor W. R. Hofford.....		25 00
“ 20, St. Paul's Reformed Church, Butler, Pa., pastor T. F. Stauffer.....		3 00
“ 30, Rev. H. Mösser, treasurer, Lebanon Classis, as follows: Sunday-school First Reformed Church, Reading, Class No. 46, John Kenninger teacher, \$3; Class No. 51, Mrs. Lotz teacher, 56 cts; total, \$3.56. St. John's Church, Reading, J. W. Steinmetz, pastor, \$7.....		10 56
Catharine Kunkel, Harrisburg.....		20 00
W. A. Wilt, treasurer, Zion's Classis, collections: St. Jacob's Church, Rev. J. D. Zehring's charge.....		19 81
July 1, Interest received on \$2,000 United States 4 per cent. consols.....		20 00
“ 4, Rev. J. Heckman, pastor Salem Reformed Church, Cincinnati, contributions from Sister Merkel, \$10, and Sister Buckhorn, \$1.50.....		11 50
Brought forward.....		\$8,245 99

Brought forward.....	\$8,245 99
" 14, Salem Reformed Church, Harrisburg, Rev. W. H. H. Snyder, pastor.....	55 00
" 22, Rev. Benj. Weiss' charge, per Rev. S. G. Wagner, treasurer.....	10 00
" 25, Salem Sunday-school, Thornville charge, Ohio, Rev. F. C. Yost.....	3 15
Aug. 5, Second Greensburg charge, Rev. J. W. Love, pastor, \$24.70; Seanor and Stanton Congregations, \$3.30.....	28 00
" 22, Emanuel Reformed Mission Society, Manor Dale, Westmoreland County, Pa., Rev. J. F. Snyder, pastor.....	10 00
" 23, Lincoln Reformed Church, at Lincoln, Pa., pastor S. Schweitzer.....	5 00
" 28, Ringtown charge, Schuylkill County, Pa., Rev. E. D. Miller, pastor.....	2 00
" 28, Hanover Reformed Church, Rev. Jacob Sechler, pastor	11 60
" Rev. J. D. Zehring, Emanuel's charge, York County, Pa., per W. A. Wilt, treasurer Zion's Classis.....	15 00
Sept. 1, Pleasant Valley Charge, Fremont County, Iowa, per Rev. D. P. Lefever, pastor, Essex, Page County, Iowa	1 50
Sept. 3, Rev. R. Leighton Gerhart, Harvest Home collection, Riegelsville, Pa.....	14 70
" " J. J. Nissley, treasurer, Synod U. S., interest on Gerhart legacy	5 64
" 5, Rev. D. Zimmerman, treasurer, Synod North West, Galion, Ohio.....	30 00
" 23, Huntingdon charge, Pa., pastor, A. G. Dole.....	7 50
" 25, Rev. D. Willers, D. D., Fayette, N. Y.....	8 19
" 26, Rev. W. M. Deatrick, treasurer, Mercersburg Classis, Sunday-school Convention.....	5 85
Oct. 15, Zionville Missionary Society, Lehigh Co., Pa., pastor Eli Keller.....	15 00
" 16, Reformed Church, Martinsburg, W. Va., D. M. Kilmer, treasurer.....	10 76
" 22, Weymer Missionary Society, Hagerstown, Md., W. H. McArdeU, treasurer.....	10 00
" 29, Synod of Potomac collection, per L. H. Steiner, M. D., treasurer.....	42 70
Nov. 3, Rev. S. G. Wagner, treasurer, East Pa. Classis of Free-mansburg charge.....	5 25
" 5, Rev. H. Mosser, class No. 46, Sunday-school First Reformed Church, Reading, \$4.50; Sinking Spring congregation, pastor, W. F. P. Davis, \$6 41.....	10 91
" 11, Reformed Church, Shoemakerville, Pa., pastor, M. Peters.....	7 45
" 19, Rev. S. G. Wagner, treasurer, East Pa. Classis, Lenhartsville charge.....	5 00
Carried forward.....	\$ 8,566 19

	Brought forward.....	\$ 8,566 19
Nov. 28,	Rev. J. C. Bucher, D. D., Lewisburg, Pa.....	5 00
" 29,	B. F. Moyer, treasurer, Mission Fund, Weirich's charge, Dauphin, Pa.....	8 03
"	Elder F. W. Scheele, Terre Haute, Indiana.....	5 00
Dec. 3,	E. J. Fogel, pastor, Fogelsville, Pa., of which \$10.00 is the gift of Nathan Sieger, Jordan charge, and \$10.00 the savings of his son John E. Fogel, dec'd.....	20 00
" 10,	Henry Myers, Hanover, Pa., Reformed Church per H. Wirt.....	5 00
" 11,	Rev. J. Hassler, Mercersburg, Pa., gift of a pious Reformed member, of Fannettsburg, Franklin Co. Pa.	15 00
" 12,	Rev. H. Mosser, treasurer, Lebanon Classis of Class No. 46, Sunday-school First Reformed Church Reading, \$3.75, and Pine Grove Church, Rev. E. E. Hiester, \$7.00.....	10 75
" 16,	Rev. D. W. Gerhard, New Holland, Pa., collections, namely, Zeltenreich Sunday-school, \$2.28; Salem Sunday-school, Hellers Church, \$12.72; New Holland Sunday-school, \$4.50.....	19 50
" 20,	Rev. H. Mosser, treasurer, Lebanon Classis, of St. Paul's M. Reformed Church, Reading, per W. R. Yeich, treasurer.....	25 00
" 22,	Heidelberg Reformed Church, Philadelphia, per Wilson Stearly, Philadelphia.....	15 57
" 30,	St. John's Reformed Church, Wyoming, Delaware, per Jonas Landis, treasurer	7 61
1880.		
Jan. 2,	Emanuel Reformed Missionary Society, per J. F. Snyder, Manordale, Westmoreland County, Pa.....	10 00
" 3,	Sunday-school First Reformed Church, Dayton, Ohio, per D. K. Hassler.....	10 00
" 5,	Reformed Sunday-school, Hummelstown, Pa., per J. J. Nissley, superintendent.....	5 00
" 6,	Rev. J. Dahlman, gift of Frederick Lentz, Emanuel's Reformed Church, Philadelphia.....	5 00
" 13,	Rev. J. I. Swander, Greensburg, Penn'a, contribution: J. I. Swander, \$1; Mrs. Lizzie Keck, \$1; Miss Maria Keck, \$1; Mrs. Maria Snyder, 50 cts.....	3 50
" 14,	Pastor, C. S. Gerhard, Reformed Church, Columbia, Pa., \$5.42; Sabbath-school \$2; Mission box of Glass, John and Charles, 50 cts; total, \$2.50.....	7 92
" "	First Reformed Church, Tiffin, Ohio, per Rev. L. H. Kefauver, D. D.....	18 75
" 15,	Reformed Church Middletown, Md., Lawson Alexander, treasurer.....	20 00
" 16,	" K." Williamsport, Pa.....	1 00
" 19,	Salem Reformed Church, Harrisburg, Pa., W. H. H. Snyder, pastor.....	30 00
	Carried forward.....	\$ 8,813 82

	Brought forward.....	\$ 8,813 82
Jan. 21,	Reformed Church, Hanover, Pa., Rev. Jacob Sechler, pastor.....	9 00
" 22,	St. John's Reformed Sunday-school, Allentown, per Rev. S. G. Wagner, treasurer, East Pennsylvania Classis.....	15 00
" 28,	Mt. Pleasant, Westmoreland County, Pa., St. Peter's Reformed Sunday-school, pastor S. Z. Beam.....	3 60
" 30,	Weymer Missionary Society, Hagerstown Reformed Church, W. H. McCardell, treasurer.....	5 00
Feb. 2,	St. John's Reformed Church, Hudson, Indiana, Rev. Henry Bair of Angola.....	6 63
" "	Trinity Reformed Church, Tamaqua, Pa., per Daniel Shepp.....	5 00
" 5,	Rev. S. S. Miller, treasurer, Maryland Classis, from Evangelical Reformed Sunday-school, Frederick, Md., pastor E. R. Eshbach, D. D.....	30 00
" 10,	Heidelberg Reformed Church, Philadelphia, per W. H. Schall.....	5 00
" 12,	Pastor, Moritz Noll, by Missionary Society of Zion's Reformed Church, Ragorsville, Tuscarawas County, Ohio, \$16, and by Mrs. Burke, \$1.50.....	17 50
" 13,	Sunday-school Reformed Church, Huntingdon, Pa., per pastor, A. G. Dole.....	6 87
" "	Rev. J. A. Peters, Lancaster, Pa., check of P. R. Harnish, of Huntingdon county, \$25, donation of Mr. P. R. Harnish to mission cause.....	25 00
" 16,	Rev. J. Kuelling, D. D., contributions of F. Merkel, \$30, and of Sunday-school of Salem Reformed Church, Cincinnati, pastor John Heckman, \$20.....	50 00
" 28,	Sunday-school Reformed Church, New Berlin, Union County, Pa., C. D. Boyer, treasurer.....	12 00
Mar. 3,	Rev. H. Mosser, treasurer, Lebanon Classis: Schwarzwald Church, \$2; Sunday-school First Reformed Church, Reading, \$12.19; Sunday-school Missionary Society, St. John's Reformed Church, Schuylkill Haven, Rev. J. O. Johnson, pastor, \$40	54 19
Mar. 5,	Whitemarsh Church, Pa., per Rev. S. R. Fisher, D. D....	3 58
"	Nittany charge, Pa., pastor, Geo. P. Hartzell, namely, Salona, \$7.34; Mt. Bethel, \$6.75; Emanuel's, \$5.04; Trinity, \$3.87; Eden, \$2.00.....	25 00
"	S. Michael Hay, treasurer, of Paradise charge, Somerset County, Pa., per Rev. C. U. Heilman, Christmas offering of the children.....	26 00
" "	H. Leonard, Basil, Ohio, \$10.00, received by him from a certain person as "conscience money" and directed to be given to foreign missions.....	10 00
" 9,	Rev. Wm. A. Haas, treasurer, West Susq. Classis, Centre Hall charge, \$5.90; Boalsburg charge, \$7.00; Selinsgrove charge, \$15.00.....	27 90
	Carried forward.....	\$ 9,151 09

Brought forward.....	\$ 9,151 09
Mar. 10, Foreign Missionary Aid Society, of Mifflinsburg, Pa. Reformed Church, pastor, A. C. Whitmer.....	30 00
“ 16, Rev. Dr. G. W. Williard, Tiffin, Ohio, of Mrs G. W. Willard, \$10.00; Miss Sarah A. Hivling, Xenia, Ohio, 10.00.....	20 00
“ 17, Shrewsbury charge, York County, Pa., pastor, Daniel Gring.....	36 00
“ 18, J. Dehoff, treasurer, Third Reformed Church, Balti- more, Md., pastor, C. Clever.....	50 00
“ 20, H. W. Hoffmeier, Bedford, per W. H. Seibert, Harris- burg.....	1 00
“ 24, Sunday-school, Reformed Church, Lovettsville, Va., pastor, H. St. John Rinker.....	7 00
“ 25, Sunday-school, Race-Street Reformed Church, Phila- delphia, \$10.00; Race-Street Reformed congregation, pastor, D. Van Horne, 20.00.....	30 00
“ 27, Sunday-school, Christ's Reformed Church, Stone Church P. O., Northampton County, Pa., pastor, H. H. W. Hibshman.....	10 00
“ 29, Third Reformed Church, Baltimore, Md., pastor, C. Clever, per J. Dehoff, treasurer.....	5 00
April 1, Rev. H. Mosser, treasurer, Lebanon Classis, “peace offering” of Second Reformed Church, Reading, pastor, C. F. McCauley.....	70 00
“ 2, Jacob J. Brinker, executor of Sarah Brinker, late of Columbiana County, Ohio, dec'd., on account of legacy, \$1227.27, less \$3.00, bank charges for collection.	1224 27
“ 6, Shippensburg, Pa., Ref. S. S., Rev. D. W. Ebbert.....	5 41
“ “ Bertha and Irene Bentz, Lizzie Hynicka, and Grace Reinoehl, children of St. John's Reformed Sunday- school, Lebanon, pastor, T. S. Johnston, D. D., con- tribution toward purchasing a mission-house in Tokio, Japan. (This is the first money received for the purchase of the house).....	1 30
“ 9, H. A. Forney, treasurer, board systematic benevolence, N. Carolina, Newton, N. C.....	1 70
“ 13, Jordan Union Sunday-school, South Whitehall, Pa., pastor, W. R. Hafford.....	4 45
Apr. 14, Rev. T. F. Hoffmeier: Reformed Church, Middletown, Md., L. Alexander, treasurer, \$23; Missionary So- ciety St. Paul's Reformed Church, Middletown, Mrs. C. G. Reedy, treasurer, \$10.....	33 00
“ 16, Zion's charge, Blain, Pa., pastor S. Lindaman.....	12 00
“ 20, Society of “ Little Workers,” Greencastle, Pa., Reform- ed Church, pastor John H. Sykes. A few little girls organized in March, 1879.....	21 84
“ “ Sunday-school Reformed Church, Martinsburg, W. Va., pastor J. A. Hoffheins.....	10 00
Carried forward.....	\$ 10,724 05

Brought forward	\$ 10,724 06
Apr. 21, Rev. S. R. Fisher, D. D.: Sunday-school, Whitmarsh, Pa., pastor J. D. Detrich, \$3.58; A. B. Bower, Everett, Pa., \$5; Rev. S. R. Fisher, D. D., \$10.....	18 53
“ Reformed Salem Church, Harrisburg, Pa., pastor, W. H. H. Snyder.....	30 00
“ “ Jacob J. Brinker, executor of Sarah Brinker, dec'd, on account of legacy, \$327.27, less 80 cts. bank charges for collection.....	326 47
“ “ W. H. Seibert, Esq., from D. B. Mauger, Esq., treasurer Goshenhoppen Classis, Rev. Dr. Weiser's charge	27 91
“ 22, Kelker Brothars for temporary loan made them Dec. 13, 1880, \$1,023, principal and interest; principal \$1,000, and interest \$23.....	1023 00
“ 23, Pastor, Ed. Scheidt, Northeim, Hamilton County, Wisconsin.....	5 00
“ 24, Rev. P. S. Davis, D. D., Philadelphia.....	10 00
“ 26, Rev. G. H. Leonard, Basil, Ohio, for mission house, Tokio, Japan.....	10 00
“ “ W. H. McArdell, treasurer Salem Church, Hagerstown charge.....	10 79
“ 27, Sunday-school Reformed Church, Lewisburg, Pa., pastor R. L. Gerhart, for mission house.....	16 54
“ “ Chr. Goodenson, Robertsville, Ohio, per Rev. J. J. Leberman.....	1 00
“ 28, Lower Saucon charge, Pa., pastor A. B. Koplin.....	55 00
“ “ Sarah L. Diehl, Seitzland, Pa.....	3 00
“ “ Rev. P. S. Mauger, Sunday-school Canal Winchester, \$3.25; Reformed Church, Altamont, Ill., \$3.08.....	6 33
“ 25, Zoar Reformed Church, Monroeville, Ohio, pastor W. Renter.....	12 00
May 4, Rev. I. E. Graeff, St. John Church, Summit Hill, Pa., \$7.45; St. John Church, Tamaqua, \$7.25.....	14 70
“ “ Rev. W. M. Deatrick, Sunday-school Convention, Mercersburg Classis, part of collection.....	3 00
“ 6, Emanuel Reformed Church Missionary Society, Manorale, Pa., Rev. J. F. Snyder (mission house).....	7 00
“ 10, Rev. H. Mosser, Lebanon Classis, from Bethany Orphan Home, Rev. Albright, \$10.00; Germant Church Rev. J. W. Steinmetz, \$13.00; Rev. J. P. Stein and family, Pottsville, \$5.....	28 00
“ “ H. C. Hoover, treasurer, Philadelphia Classis: Boehm's Reformed Church, \$25; Sunday-school Trinity Reformed Church, Norristown, \$20.....	45 00
“ 11, Elder W. H. Seibert, from D. B. Mauger, treasurer of Goshenhoppen Classis, Douglassville, Berks County, contribution of Christ Reformed Church, pastor, — Keller, Thos. Christman, treasurer.....	14 00
Carried forward.....	\$ 12,391 38

Brought forward.....	\$ 12,391 38
May 13, Mt. Crawford Sunday-school Reformed Church, Rock- ingham County, Va., pastor S. N. Callender, D. D., for mission house.....	3 02
May 15, Rev. E. W. Henschen, Reformed Church, Manitowoc, Wisconsin, for mission-house.....	4 00
“ “ Rebersburg charge, pastor W. M. Landis for mission- house, Rev. W. A. Haas, treasurer.....	12 20
“ “ Vogansville Reformed Church, pastor D. W. Gerhard, Lancaster, Pa., for mission house, Japan.....	8 17
“ 17, Huntingdon Reformed Church, per Elder David Dunn	6 00
“ 18, Rev. J. Caspar Bucher, D. D., Lewisburg, Pa., for mis- sion house.....	10 00
“ “ Rev. J. M. Shick, Orbisonia, Huntingdon County, Pa., contributed by Reformed Sunday-school towards mission house, \$2, and by Orbisonia Mission Church for general purposes, \$6.50.....	8 50
“ “ Rev. W. I. Stewart, for mission house, from Rev. G. R. Zacharias, Upper Strasburg, Pa., \$10; children of Trinity Reformed Church, St. Thomas, Pa., pastor W. I. Stewart, \$6.79.....	16 79
“ “ Sunday-school second Reformed Church, Tiffin, O., per Martin Vitz, for mission house, Japan.....	10 68
“ 19 Rev. E. D. Miller, Reformed Church, Ringtown, Pa., from a member.....	1 00
“ “ Warren Reformed Church, Warren, Ohio, Rev. E. H. Otting.....	5 00
“ “ Upper Sandusky charge, Ohio, per Rev. C. Wisner, Im- manuel Reformed Church, \$6.31; Trinity Reformed Church, \$5.25.....	11 56
“ 20 St. Paul's Reformed Church, Lancaster, per Rev. J. H. Dubbs, treasurer, Lancaster Classis.....	20 00
“ 21 Rev. S. R. Fisher, D. D., from J. F. D. mission house, \$1; Pleasantville charge, Pa., pastor, U. Weidner \$28	29 00
“ 22 St. Paul's Reformed Church, Lancaster, per Rev. J. H. Dubbs, treasurer, L. Classis.....	5 00
“ 24, Pine Run Reformed Church, pastor J. Dotterer, Mer- win, Pa.....	13 00
“ 26, Rev. D. B. Shuey, \$13.25; from St. Paul's Reformed Church, Quarryville, at meeting of Classis (Mis- sionary Meeting) and \$2 from Mrs. E. Helm.....	15 25
“ 27, Pastor J. C. Clapp, Newton, N. C., thank-offering New- ton Reformed Church, \$24.88; and of Smyrna Re- formed Church, \$2.47; both of Catawba charge.....	27 35
“ 28, Pastor S. C. Goss, Reformed Church, Wadsworth, Ohio	5 00
“ “ Pastor S. Z. Beam, Mt. Pleasant charge, Pa., for mission house.....	11 00
“ 29, “ A Friend,” Wyoming, Delaware, per A. N. Brown, treasurer.....	1 00
Carried forward	\$ 12,614 90

Brought forward.....	\$12,614 90
“ 31, Rev. F. W. Kremer, D. D., Lebanon: \$70 from the Sunday-school; \$30 were contributed by Female Benevolent Society of Dr. Kremsr's Church, and \$5 from Reformed Church Hagerstown, Md., pastor L. G. Kremer.....	105 00
“ “ Rev. S. Elliker, Baxter, Iowa, collection at classical mission festival.....	16 30
June 2, Mr. Isaac G. Gerhart, treasurer Tohickon Classis, pastor N. Z. Snyder, South Bethlehem Church, \$4.63; pastor, D. Rothrock, Durham Church, \$12.....	16 63
June 3, Greenville Reformed Sunday-school, Mercer County, Pa., Rev. F. B. Hahn, superintendent, (mission house).....	7 50
“ 5, B. F. Moyer, treasurer Mission Fund, Wenrich's Reformed Church, Dauphin, Pa.....	28
“ 9, Rev. S. S. Miller, treasurer, Maryland Classis: Evangelical Reformed Church, Frederick City, pastor E. R. Eschbach, D. D., \$110.27; 1st Reformed Church, Baltimore, pastor J. T. Rossiter, \$30; Mite Society, St. Paul's Reformed Church, Westminster, Md., pastor J. G. Noss, \$20.....	160 27
“ “ Riley Creek charge, Bluffton, Ohio, Sister H. Rusterholtz.....	10 00
“ 11, Sunday-school 2d Reformed (German) Church, Rev. O. J. Accola, Dayton, Ohio.....	10 00
“ 12, Sunday-school Reformed Church, Greencastle, Pa., J. C. Spielman, treasurer, pastor Sykes.....	11 80
“ “ Pleasantville charge, Pa., pastor U. Weidner.....	2 00
“ 14, Reformed Church, Springboro, Ohio, W. H. Seigfried, treasurer, pastor Reichard.....	8 00
“ 16, Grace Church, Hickory, N. C., pastor Shuford.....	6 65
“ 17, Rev. F. Hullhorst, Clear Creek, Nebraska.....	5 00
“ 18, Center Point Reformed Church, Poland, Indiana, pastor Joerris.....	5 00
“ 19, Rev. D. Zimmerman, treasurer, Synod North West: C. Schaaf, \$20; Youth's Missionary Union, Galion, Ohio, pastor Klein, \$5.....	25 00
“ 21, Rev. S. R. Bridenbaugh, treasurer, Somerset Classis, Reformed Church, Frostburg, pastor Ruhl, \$10; Sunday-school Reformed Church, Berlin, Pa., pastor Bridenbaugh, \$10.....	20 00
“ 22, Reformed Church, Columbia, Pa., pastor, C. S. Gerhard.....	4 20
“ 23, Sunday-school 1st Reformed Church, Greensburg, Pa., pastor Dieffenbacher.....	11 00
“ 24, Sunday-school St. John's Reformed Church, Wyoming, Delaware, C. G. Brown, treasurer.....	11 15
“ “ Lady member 3d Reformed Church, Louisville, Ky., pastor H. I. Stern.....	2 00
Carried forward.....	\$ 13,052 68

Brought forward.....	\$ 13,052 68
Jun. 26, Rev. W. A. Haas, treasurer, West Susquehanna Classis: Collections at Classis, \$19.17; Centre Hall Church, pastor Roeder, \$9.43	28 60
“ “ Middletown, Md., Reformed Church, pastor T. F. Hoffmeier, L. Alexander, treasurer.....	10 00
“ 28, Rev. G. B. Dechant, executor, Mary R. Dechant, legacy	100 00
“ 29, Reformed Sunday-school, Buffalo, N. Y., pastor J. B. Kniest.....	57 00
“ 30, Rev. J. H. Schlappig, Hamburg, Pa., self, 25c.; W. Harris, 25c.; Mrs. L. Levan, 50c.....	1 00
July 1, Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, treasurer Virginia Classis, from sale of photographs of Peace Commissioners, Rev. Dr. Callender's charge, Rockingham, Va.....	12 00
“ “ Buck Horn Sunday-school, Maquoketa charge, Iowa, pastor H. Keller (mission house).....	3 50
“ 3, H. A. Clute, manager Western Union Telegraph Com- pany, refunded on cablegram of April 6, 1880, to Rev. A. D. Gring, sent by Siberian instead of Tele- ran route.....	3 50
July 5, 1st Reformed Sunday-school, Pottsville, Pa., H. S. Stern, superintendent.....	2 85
“ 6, Missionary Society, Trinity Reformed Church, Coplay, Pa., pastor S. A. Leinbach.....	30 27
“ “ Rev. T. F. Stauffer, Butler, Pa., Reformed Church, A. Moyer, treasurer, \$9.84; Sunday-school of the same church, H. Nicklass, \$7.31.....	17 15
“ “ Reformed Church, McConnelstown, Pa., pastor A. G. Dole.....	15 00
“ 7, Rev. J. T. Kluge, Sheboygan, Wisconsin; J. Smith, Morristown, \$5; Mrs. Foemmel, 75c.; “K” for mis- sion house, \$1.....	6 75
“ “ Ceylon and Birmingham Reformed Congregations, Erie, Ohio, pastor H. A. Schwichtenberg.....	2 10
“ 8, Sunday-school Reformed Church, Hummelstown, Pa., J. J. Nissley, superintendent.....	5 00
“ “ Rev. C. F. Kriete, Fort Wayne, Ind., from his Sunday- school, \$6.45; Mrs. Obliger, \$1; H. Boerger, \$1; Mrs. Deibebiss, 25c.; Miss Nielle, \$1; Mrs. Axter, \$1; Mrs. Doerner, 50c.; Lizzie Fuehrer, 50c.....	11 70
“ 9, Sunday-school Christ's Reformed Church, Annville, Pa., pastor J. E. Hiester, D. D., per Rev. W. F. P. Davis, treasurer, Lebanon Classis.....	20 00
“ 10, Brownback Sunday-school 1st Reformed Church, Cov- entry, Pa., per J. F. Sheeder, Kimberton	10 00
“ 12, Rev. D. Willers, D. D., Fayette, N. Y.....	4 00
“ 13, St. Mark's Reformed Sunday-school, Easton, Pa., pas- tor Stem, L. Loux, treasurer.....	13 10
Carried forward	\$ 13,406 20

Brought forward.....	\$ 13,406 20
Jul. 13, Reformed Sunday-school, Springboro, Ohio, W. H. Siegfried, superintendent.....	4 27
“ “ Rev. M. L. Firor, Baltimore, Md.....	2 00
“ “ Rev. D. B. Shuey, treasurer, Lancaster Classis; Sunday-school Reformed Church, Quarryville, \$2.06; St. Paul's Church, \$2.40; Zion's Reformed Church, \$3.28; Sunday-school, Zion's Reformed Church, New Providence, \$2.72; Sunday-school, Spring Valley, \$1.54.....	12 00
“ 14, St. Paul's Missionary Society, Reformed Church, Middletown, Md., Mrs. C. S. Rudy.....	8 00
“ “ Sunday-school Trinity Reformed Church, Canton, Ohio, pastor E. Herbruck.....	10 75
“ 15 Reformed Sunday-school, Latrobe, Pa., pastor G. D. Gurley.....	6 00
“ “ Reformed Sunday-school, Bedford, Pa., John P. Reed, superintendent.....	8 00
“ “ Weymer Mission Society, Sunday-school Reformed Church, Hagerstown, Md., W. H. McArdell, treasurer.....	21 10
“ “ Reformed Sunday-school, Horne, Iowa, pastor Abram. Schneck.....	8 00
“ “ Reformed Church, Edon, Ohio, pastor R. Janssen.....	7 00
“ “ Reformed Sunday-school, Tell City, Indiana, pastor F. Judt.....	5 00
“ 16, Oak Grove Sunday-school, Brady Bend, J. W. Myers, treasurer.....	2 15
“ 20, China Grove Reformed Church, N. C., pastor P. M. Trexler.....	4 27
“ 21, Rev. E. Fuerer, Mosel, Wis.: St. Paul's Reformed Church, \$3.29; Sunday-school 71 cts.; a member \$1. Stepler, \$7.35, and 25 cts. from Bro. Stepler.....	5 00
July 22, Reformed Sunday-school, Lima, Ohio, pastor J. H. Stepler, \$7.35, and 25 cts. from Bro. Stepler.....	7 60
“ 23, Master Gustavus Klipfel, Buffalo, N. Y., per Rev. J. B. Kniest.....	25
“ “ Rev. J. A. Keller, Randolph, Ohio, Reformed Sunday-school, \$7.07; Hartsville Reformed Sunday-school, \$3.08; Linaville Reformed Sunday-school, \$2.01; St. Jacob's Sunday-school, \$4.06; two friends, \$8..	24 22
“ “ Reformed Sunday-school, Poland, Indiana, per Rev. P. Joerris	3 00
“ 23, Rev. J. Romeis, Van Dyne, Wis.: friend, \$1; Sunday-school scholars, 30 cts.; dying child, 10 cts.....	1 40
“ 26, Rev. S. R. Bridenbaugh, treasurer Somerset Classis, pastor J. S. Wagner.....	12 08
“ “ Reformed Sunday-school, Sauk City, Wis., per Rev. J. J. Brecht.....	1 50

Carried forward.....\$ 13,559 79

Brought forward.....	\$ 13,559 79
" 27, A member of Reformed Sunday-school, Bedford, Pa., per John P. Reed, Esq., superintendent.....	5 00
" 28, Rev. N. Wiers, Emanuel's Church, New Bavaria, Ohio, from "C. A. F.".....	5 00
" " Rev. W. M. Deatriek, treasurer, Mercersburg Classis, Pattonville Peformed Church, pastor Peightel.	9 00
" 29, Orangeville charge, Illinois, pastor F. W. Stump.....	11 00
" 30, Rev. F. C. Yost, pastor, Thornville charge, Ohio: Sunday-schools, St. Paul's, \$6.75; Salem, \$3.10; Thornville, \$1.75; Zion's, \$1.40, for mission house, and twelve pictures of same.....	16 00
" 31, 1st Reformed Church, west side, Cleveland, Ohio, per H. Wolftummer, treasurer.....	26 00
" " Sunday-school Reformed Church, Troutville, Pa., per pastor John Wolbach.....	6 50
" " Reformed Church, Denver, Indiana, pastor Scott F. Hershey.....	4 40
" " W. H. Seibert received from D. B. Mauger, Esq., Douglassville, Pa., treasurer of Goshenhoppen Classis, of Trinity Reformed Sunday-school, Pottstown, Pa., pastor L. K. Evans	30 00
Aug. 4, St. John's congregation, West Salem charge, Polk, Ohio, pastor Kerschner, per J. J. Keplinger, treasurer.....	3 65
" " Zion's charge, Perry County, Pa., pastor F. S. Lindaman	15 00
" 6, Reformed Sunday-school, Woodstock, Va., N. B. Schmitt, secretary.....	10 15
" " Henshaw Church Sunday-school, Butler, Pa., W. J. Roe, treasurer.....	1 10
" " Sunday-school Reformed Church, Canton, Ohio, per Rev. P. Herbruck, D. D.....	3 00
" " Sunday-school Overton Mission, Bradford, Pa., for mission house, \$3, and for two pictures of same 50 cts. per Rev. P. S. Kohler.....	3 50
" " Rev. S. Z. Beam, Mt. Pleasant, Pa., \$3.10 from St. Peter's Reformed Sunday-school for mission-house, and \$4.50 for pictures of same.....	7 60
" 7, Rev. M. A. Smith, Nazareth, Pa.: Christ Reformed Sunday-school of Bath, Pa.....	10 00
" 9, Sunday-school, Lovettsville, Va., per Rev. H. St. J. Rinker.....	10 00
" " Rev. M. H. Diefenderfer, Elderton, Pa., for eight pictures of mission house.....	2 00
" " Mrs. Catharine Kunkel, Harrisburg, Pa.....	25 00
" 10, Salem Church, Waynesburgh charge, Ohio, pastor J. B. Rust.....	15 00
" " Sunday-school St. Paul's, Westminster, Md., pastor J. G. Noss.....	9 50
Carried forward.....	\$ 13,788 19

Brought forward.....	\$ 13,788 19
Aug. 11, Rev. W. F. F. Davis, treasurer of Lebanon Classis: Sunday-schools of Tulpehocken charge, Rev. Dr. Leinbach, \$15.01; Bethany Orphan Home, Rev. D. B. Albright, \$15.....	30 01
" 13, Salem Reformed Sunday-school, Buffalo, N. Y., pastor C. Kuss.....	7 00
" " Ladies Missionary Society, 1st Reformed Church, Tif- fin, Ohio, per Mrs. E. R. Good, treasurer.....	30 00
" 14, Sunday-school Zion's Reformed Church, Philadelphia, pastor N. Gehr, D. D.....	15 00
" " Sunday-school Reformed Church, Boeger's Store, Mis- souri, pastor P. J. Ruetenik.....	2 00
" " Pastor J. F. Wiant, Monroe, Pa., viz: Sunday-school St. Mark's Church, Monroeville, \$6.87; and by Anna C. Henry, H. and Sarah Wiant, \$3.13.....	10 00
" " Mt. Carmel and Heidelberg Reformed Sunday-schools, in Stoutville Charge, Ohio, pastor J. Klingler, each \$2.50.....	5 00
" " Rev. F. W. Kremer, D. D., viz: H. Holtzapple, Hagers- town, Md., \$1.00; Rev. L. G. Kremer, of same place, for one picture of mission house, 25 cts.....	1 25
" 16, Schellsburg, Pa., per Rev. H. S. Garner.....	2 23
" 17, Sunday-school Emanuel's Reformed Church, Bluffton, Indiana, per Rev. F. C. Witthoff	5 00
" " Apple Creek Reformed Charge, Ohio, per Rev. E. Erb...	5 17
" " Sunday-schools Thornville Charge, Ohio, per Rev. F. C. Yost, viz: Salem, \$6.10; St. Paul's, \$4.40; Thorn- ville, \$2 50; Zion's, \$1.00.....	14 00
" " Mt. Zion's Charge, Dayton, O., Rev. D. Winters, D. D., pastor	5 00
" 18, Sunday-school Reformed Church, Germantown, Ohio, pastor, P. C. Prugh.....	3 25
" " Reformed Sunday-school, Uwchland, Pa., per John Fet- ters, treasurer.....	5 50
" " Rev. John H. Beck, Lake, Ohio.....	10 00
" 19, Rev. H. W. Hoffmeier, Bedford, proceeds of sale of pho- tographs of Rev. and Mrs. Gring, \$4.00, and by Mrs. Eberly, of Waterside, Pa., 20 cts.....	4 20
" 20, St. Luke's Reformed Mission Church, Reading, per Dan- iel Miller	15 00
" " Sunday-school Reformed Church, Easton, Pastor Heisler, per J. Rader.....	20 00
" 24, D. W. Gross, Superintendent Infant Sunday-school Re- formed Church, Harrisburg, for pictures mission house.....	5 00
" " Salem Reformed Church, Harrisburg, Pa., pastor, W. H. Snyder.....	41 00
Carried forward.....	\$ 14,023 80

Brought forward.....	\$ 14,023 80
Aug. 25, Rev. G. H. Leonard, Basil, Ohio, treasurer, Sunday-school Association, Lancaster Classis, Ohio Synod...	25 00
“ 26, Rev. J. W. Love, viz: Second Greensburg Congregation \$20.75, and Seanor and Stanton Congregations, \$5.00, one half thereof for mission house.....	25 75
“ 27, St. John's Reformed Sunday-school, Boalsburg, Pa., pastor, W. H. Groh, per W. A. Haas, treasurer.....	6 40
“ “ Rev. M. Treiber, Sandusky City, Ohio, Sunday-school of Huron Congregation, and Philip Schwein.....	10 00
Aug. 27, Sunday-school First Reformed Church, Denver, Colorado, mission house, \$6.00, and for three pictures of same, 75cts.; pastor, G. Zindler.....	6 75
“ “ Sunday-school Reformed Church, Allentown, Pa., Pastor Fritzinger.....	3 23
“ “ Rev. E. H. Dieffenbacher, St. John's Reformed Mission, Wyoming, Del, three pictures.....	75
“ “ Fairview Charge, Baldwin, Butler Co., Pa., pastor J. W. Alspach, \$38.30, of which \$1.75 is for pictures.	38 30
“ 28, N. B. Schmitt, secretary Reformed Sunday-school Woodstock, Va., for twenty-four pictures of mission house.....	6 00
“ 30, J. R. Hillbush, secretary Mahanoy Charge, pastor Hottenstein, per Geo. Hill, jr., of East Susquehanna Clasis, \$35.00, of which \$15.00 for missions and \$20.00 for mission house.....	35 00
“ “ Calvary Church, pastor W. H. Bates, Sipesville, Pa., \$2.00 for pictures, \$3.15 for mission house.....	5 15
“ 31, Rev. D. S. Dieffenbacher, viz: Sunday-schools of Kittanning Charge, Pa.....	5 63
Sept. 1, J. Klee, treasurer Zion's Reformed Church, Delaware, O.	32 00
“ “ Pastor C. Scheel, Middle Lancaster, Butler Co., Pa., Petersville and Middle Lancaster churches.....	8 00
“ 2, Rev. Wm. Stechow for twenty pictures mission house, \$5.00, and \$1.00 from Rev. Dr. Schafranock for mission house, W. Va.....	6 00
“ 6, Reformed Church, Carlisle, Pa., Rev. Dr. A. H. Kremer	16 09
“ 8, Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, Danville, Pa., viz: Mansdale Sunday-school \$6.50, Danville Sunday-school \$4.25, and two pictures 50 cts.....	11 25
“ “ Samuel Pool, Second Church, Greensburg Charge, Pa., per D. W. Gross.....	1 00
“ 10, Rev. A. J. Herman, Maxatawny Pa., viz: Zion's Union and Topton Sunday-schools.....	12 83
Carried forward.....	\$ 14,278 93

Brought forward.....		\$14,278 93
Sep. 13,	Nathan Sieger, Jordan Charge, per Rev. E. J. Fogel, Fogelsville, Pa.....	7 50
" 17,	Reformed Church, Gettysburg, Pa., and Sunday-school, per Rev. M. Kieffer, D. D.....	15 00
" 21,	Rev. S. G. Wayner, viz: Sunday-school St. John's Re- formed Church, \$12.56, and from a member \$5.00.....	17 56
" "	Rev. W. A. Haas treasurer West Lnsquehanna Clasis, Rebersburg Charge, pastor W. M. Landis	20 00
" "	Rev. M. Loucks, Dayton Ohio, viz: Valley Charge \$20.00 contents of Nevin Loucks mission box \$6.00, for six pictures mission house \$1.50.....	27 50
" 27,	Buckhart Congregation, Mt. Zion Charge, Illinois, pastor Oplinger.....	2 25
" "	Pastor Wm. Braun, Fifth Reformed Church, Cleveland, Ohio	15 00
" 28,	St. John's Reformed Sunday-school, Riegelsville, Pa., for mission house \$25.00, and for two pictures 50 cts.	25 50
" 29,	Catharine Kuebel, Grinnell, Iowa.....	5 00
" "	Smithtown Charge, Iowa, pastor Geo. Rettig, per Rev. D. S. Fouse.....	6 00
" 30,	Sunday-schools Millersville Charge, Pa., pastor J. P. Moore	6 90
" 30,	P. Williard Trappe, Montgomery County, Pa	5 00
Oct. 2,	Sixth Reformed Church, Cleveland, O., Pastor Schade, \$6.27; Sunday-school, \$4.48; from M. Schwalm, 25c	11 00
" "	Rev. H. T. Spangler, received by him from Rev. J. C. Klar, Navarre, O., being the "first of a vow" paid to Rev. J. C. Klar.....	4 00
" 4,	J. J. Nissley, treasurer, Synod United States, interest on Gerhart fund.....	6 00
" 5,	Christ Reformed Church, Philadelphia, per E. J. San- tec, M. D., treasurer.....	25 68
" "	Sunday-school First Reformed Church Pottsville, Pa., H. S. Sterner, superintendent.....	4 76
" "	Reformed Sunday-school, Manchester, Md., pastor, W. Rupp.....	6 00
" "	St. Mary's Reformed Sunday-school, Silver Run, Md., \$5.00 as a free offering, and \$2.00 for pictures of the parsonage, per H. Wirt Shriver.....	7 00
" 6,	Foreign Missionary Aid Society, of Reformed Church, Millinburg, Pa., pastor, A. C. Whitmer.....	40 53
" "	Rev. A. Schenck, Reformed Church, Horne, Jasper Co., Iowa.....	12 50
Carried forward.....		\$ 14,549 61

	Brought forward.....	\$14,549 61
Oct.	8, Sunday-school Zion's Church, Louisville, Ky., \$2.05 ; a friend, \$1.20, per Rev. F. W. Berleman.....	3 25
"	11, Turkey Creek Sunday-school Reformed Church, Kan- sas, pastor, S. Thomas.....	1 30
"	" Salem Sunday-school Reformed Church, York, Pa., pastor, Reinhart R. Smith.....	25 00
"	12, Laurelton Reformed Church, Pa., Rev. A. C. Whitmer	6 00
"	" Helena Charge, Ohio, pastor, A. K. Zartman.....	18 00
"	14, Missionary Society of South Whitehall Reformed Church, pastor, W. R. Hofford.....	15 00
"	" Some children of New Paris Congregation, Shellsburg Charge, Pa., per Pastor H. S. Garner.....	2 00
"	15, St. Paul's Charge, Bristol, Indiana, pastor J. D. Neff....	3 25
"	" Rev. J. H. Good, D. D., Tiffin, Ohio, from " Friends of the Cause ".....	10 00
"	20, Rev. C. Borchers, Baltimore, viz: St. John's Fourth Reformed Church, \$4.59, C. Brimmell, \$1.00, C. B., 4lets.....	6 00
"	21, Annie M. Wiestling, Mount Alto, Pa., for picture cer- tificates.....	5 00
"	22, Rev. C. Baum (Lewistown Congregation), Pottsville, Pa.....	5 00
"	23, Rev. Wm. M. Deatriek, treasurer, Mercersburg Classis	13 64
"	" Samuel L. Hershey, Philadelphia, for mission house certificate.....	1 00
"	25, St. Paul's Reformed Sunday-school, Thornville, Ohio, per F. C. Yost.....	3 84
"	" Sunday-school Race St. Church, Philadelphia, Pastor D. Van Horne, D. D., for 200 certificates.....	50 00
"	27, Reformed Church Myerstown, Pa., Rev. G. Wolff, D. D.	31 12
"	" Rev. W. H. H. Snyder, on account of gifts and pledges made at Synodical Missionary Meeting, Myerstown, Pa.....	50 00
"	28, Interest received on \$2,000 U. S. Four Per Cent Bonds, from July 1, 1879, to October 1, 1880.....	100 00
"	29, Rev. R. S. Appel, Hamburg, Pa., from members of his own Charge, \$2.00, and from Mrs. John Z. Althause of the Epler Congregation, \$2.50.....	4 50
"	" Zoar Congregation, Huron Co., Ohio, Pastor William Renter.....	10 00
"	" Rev. J. M. Schick, for four pictures of mission house, sent by Mr. Gring.....	1 00
Nov.	3, Pastor D. E. Schoedler, Oley Charge, Pa.....	3 15
	Carried forward.....	\$14,917 66

Brought forward.....		\$ 14,917 66
Nov. 3, "Lazarus," \$3.00, Martha, \$1.00, Mary, \$1.00, per Wm. Savidge, Milton, Pa.....		5 00
" " Mrs. Albright, Hanover, Pa., for one certificate.....		1 00
" 4, Rev. M. Treiber, Sandusky City, Ohio, from his Reformed Ch.....		11 00
" " Reformed Sunday-school and Church, Crestline, Ohio, Pastor F. W. Marens.....		5 00
" 5, Emanuel's Reformed Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., Pastor A. E. Dahlman		6 00
" " Amount received by sale of \$2,000 U. S. Four Per Cent Coupon Bonds, sold to enable treasurer to meet last payment on Reformed Mission House in Tokio, Rev. A. D. Gring.....	2,186 50	
" 9, Rev. P. H. Dippell, Reformed Church Huntington, Indiana		10 00
" 10, Rev. J. Ruhl, Frostburg, Md., for twelve missionary certificates.....		3 00
" 11, Rev. D. E. Klopp, D. D., Philadelphia, viz: \$7.75 is for Missions, and \$6.25 for certificates.....		14 00
" " Sunday-school Second Reformed Church, Reading, Wm. T. Hain, treasurer, per Rev. C. F. McCauley, 425 certificates.....	101 39	
" 12, For ten certificates, retailed to as many individuals....	2 50	
" " R. F. Kelker, for Master R. F. Kelker, for one certificate.....	5 00	
" Rev. Geo. P. Hartzell, Walker, Pa., for four certificates...	1 00	
" " Rev. W. C. Cremer, Chambersburg, Pa.....	4 50	
" " Grace Reformed Sunday-school, Akron, Ohio, per W. J. Frank, forty certificates.....	10 00	
" 15, A. F. K. Komt, Superintendent, Reformed Sunday-school, Coplay, Pa., one certificate.....	25	
" 16, Rev. S. Z. Beam, Mt. Pleasant, Pa., for certificates	7 10	
" " Rev. A. J. Heller, Aréndtsville, for thirty-six certificates.....	9 00	
" " Rev. U. H. Heilman, from Mrs. Harling, for twenty certificates	5 00	
" " P. Williard, Trappe, Pa.....	5 00	
" 17 Rev. F. F. Bahner, from Sunday-schools of Salem and Trinity Churches, Waynesboro, Pa., eighty certificates.....	22 00	
" 18, C. H. Ruff, Ass't Superintendent Reformed Sunday-school Gettysburg, Pa., for one certificate.....	30	
Carried forward.....		\$ 17,332 20

Brought forward.....	\$ 17,332 20
Nov. 18. H. A. Kelker, Harrisburg, Pa.,.....	25
Nov. 19, H. Jones, Superintendent Mission Sunday-school of Second Reformed Church, forty-seven certificates...	11 75
“ “ St. John's Reformed Church, Punxataway, Pa., per Rev. T. R. Dietz.....	5 00
“ “ Katie E. Cembler, Mechanicsburg, Pa., one certificate....	25
“ 20, Rev. D. H. Leader, Everett, Pa., Reformed Church and Sunday-school \$15.00, and for four certificates \$1.00, Wm. Koons, treasurer.....	16 00
“ “ D. B. Mauger, Esq., treasurer, viz: from Rev. C. Z. Weiser, D. D. Charge, Trinity Reformed Church \$45.39, and New Goshenhoppen Church \$71.44.....	116 83
“ 22, Edward Shuey, Union Forge, Pa., for four certificates...	1 00
“ “ Rev. J. Bossard, Ph. D., Sheboygan, Wis., for one picture	1 25
“ 23, Chas. F. Stonag, Washington, D. C., for four certificates	1 00
“ “ Rev. A. F. Houtz, Orangeville Charge, Columbia, Pa., mission house certificates, forty copies.....	10 00
“ “ Good-work Society of Mt. Zion Church, Berlin, Pa., pastor H. F. Keener.....	5 38
“ 24, Rev. N. Wiers, New Bavaria, O., for four certificates....	1 00
“ “ Maggie L. Zollinger, Upper Strasburg, Pa., for one cer- tificate.....	25
“ “ Wm. H. Schall, Philadelphia, one picture.....	1 00
“ “ J. M. Hoffman Superintendent St. Paul's Reformed Sunday-school, Baltimore, twenty certificates.....	5 00
“ 25, Rev. S. Sidney Kohler, Egypt, Lehigh Co., Pa., six certi- ficates.....	1 50
“ “ Rev. E. J. Fogel, Fogelsville, Pa., viz: from Jordan Sun- day-school \$1.50; Cedarville Sunday-school \$10.00; Schneeksville Sunday-school \$5.00; Salem Sunday- school \$1.28; Morffenland 92 ets.; Union Chapel Sunday-school \$4.30; ninety-two pictures mission house \$5.22.....	23 00
“ 26, Else Hapke, one certificate.....	25
“ “ Rev. D. B. Albright, contributed for eight pictures, viz: Mrs. Catharine Davenport, Robesonia, Berks Co., \$1.00; Mrs. S. M. Yearick \$1.00; Mrs. D. B. Albright six copies, \$3.00.....	5 00
“ “ Rev. A. E. Baichly, Liberty Centre, Ohio	2 25
“ “ Rev. F. C. Yost, Thornville Ohio, viz: St. Paul's Re- formed Sunday school \$7.35; Salem Sunday-school \$2.15.....	9 50
Carried forward.....	\$ 17,549 66

Brought forward.....		\$17,549 66
Nov. 27, Rev. J. David Miller, Martinsburg, Pa., viz: St. John's Reformed Sunday-school \$17.56; Hickory Bottom Charge, Rev. Simon Wolff, pastor. \$2.45, and for eight certificates \$2.00.....		22 01
“ 29, Sunday-school St. John's Reformed Church, Johnstown, Pa., pastor Bartholomew, sixty certificates.....		15 00
“ “ Rev. B. B. Ferer, Pleasant Unity, Pa., thirty-five certificates.....		8 75
“ “ Rev. J. H. Hartman, Leighton Pa., for self four certificates, \$1.00: J. Kershner one certificate, 50 cts.....		1 50
“ 30, Rev. W. D. Lefever, Superintendent Reformed Sunday-school Littlestown, Pa., twenty-two certificates		5 50
“ “ T. J. Hacker, Shamokin, Pa., seventy-two certificates		26 50
“ “ Rev. H. F. Keener, Berlin, Pa., twenty-five certificates		6 75
“ “ Rev. W. P. F. Davis, treasurer, Lebanon Classis, viz: First Reformed Sunday school Myerstown, Pastor Dr. Wolff, \$15.00; Pastor W. F. P. Davis' Charge, Sunday-school, Hains, \$1.67; Fritztown School, \$4.64; Yocum, \$2.00.....		23 31
“ “ Pastor H. Mosser, First Reformed Church Reading, S. Sprecher, treasurer. \$80.00; Mrs. A. C. Karch, \$5.00; Rev. L. K. Derr, \$5.00.....		90 00
“ “ Rev. J. W. Knappenberger, East End, Pittsburg, thirty certificates.....		7 50
“ “ Rev. J. Kretzing, Newport, Pa., viz: Reformed Sunday-school Newport, \$10.62; Sunday-school Bloomfield, \$2.50; Pictures received from Rev. Gring, \$1.00		14 12
“ “ B. Kuhns, Dayton, Ohio, for mission house, sent one hundred certificates.....		25 00
“ “ H. A. Forney, treasurer, Board of Syst. Benev. N. C. Classis, viz: Jos. A. Leonard and family, \$2.50; J. C. Warlick, Grace Charge, Daniel's Congregation, \$4.00; J. W. Robinson, Grace Charge, Bethel Congregation, \$1.75. J. C. Clapp, Catawba Charge, viz: Newton, \$9.06; St. John's, \$3.55; Smyrna, \$3.20. Rev. J. A. Foil, Lincoln Charge, viz: Matthew's, \$2.84; St. Paul's, \$4.31; Salem, \$3.44. Rev. P. M. Trexler, West Rowan Charge, viz: Mt. Gilead, \$8.98 Mt. Zion, \$4.50.....		47 68
“ “ H. A. Forney, one certificate for Mary Forney.....		32
“ “ Rev. Christian F. Keller, Chicago Reformed Church.....		5 12
Dec. 1, Rev. S. C. Goss, Wadsworth, Ohio, thirty-six certificates, \$9.00, Sunday-school, \$6.30.....		15 30
Carried forward.....		\$ 17,864 02

Brought forward	\$17,864 02
Dec. 1, Rev. Isaac A. Sites, Freeport, Illinois, one certificate....	1 00
“ “ A. K. Frey, Chaneefford, Pa., one certificate.....	5 00
“ “ Rev. J. F. Butler, Shelbyville, Illinois, twenty certificates.....	5 00
“ “ Rev. C. F. Kriete, Salem Reformed Church, Ft. Wayne, Indiana, ten certificates.....	3 00
“ 2, Rev. J. G. Ruhl, Findlay, Ohio, six certificates.....	2 00
“ 3, John P. Reed, Bedford, Pa., fifty-two certificates.....	13 00
“ “ E. and S. Dieffenbaecher, Edwardsburg, Mich., eighty-one certificates.....	20 25
“ 4, Rev. P. Ruhl, Prospect, Ohio.....	5 00
“ “ Rev. J. A. Smith, Anamosa, Iowa, ten certificate.....	2 50
“ 6, Rev. T. O. Stem, Easton, Pa., thirty Japan pictures.....	7 50
“ “ Elder A. H. Baughman, Xenia, Ohio, twenty-four certificates	6 00
“ 8, Rev. Ch. Schiller, First Reformed Church, Toledo, O.....	10 00
“ 9, Rev. R. Duenger, Sunday-school Reformed Church Ashland, Pa., twenty-five certificates.....	6 25
“ 10, Rev. D. E. Schoedler, viz: Oley Reformed Sunday-school, \$1.70; and four certificates, \$1.00.....	2 70
“ “ Miss Kate Eiler, Christ Reformed Church, Philadelphia, per E. J. Santee.....	2 00
“ “ Mrs. M. Chidsey, Easton, Pa., proceeds of a festival held by the infant school of the Reformed Church, in aid of purchasing mission house in Tokio, for which sent Mrs. Chidsey, for the school, 200 certificates.....	50 00
“ “ Rev. Frederick Schaad, Bakersville, Ohio, thirty-six certificates.....	8 00
“ “ Rev. J. M. Grether, Osnaburgh, O., viz: Sunday-school Alliance, O., \$1.45; St. Martin's Sunday-school, \$100; Osnaburgh Sunday-school, \$1.36.....	3 81
“ “ Rev. D. W. Gerhard, New Holland, Pa., viz: Zeltenreich's Sunday-school, \$3.38; Salem Sunday-school, Heller's Church, \$10.18; New Holland Sunday-school, \$5.91.....	19 47
“ “ Rev. S. R. Fisher, D. D., viz: A. B. Bower, Everett, Pa., \$5.00; a sister at Berrysburg, Pa., \$3.00; S. B. Isenberg, Mines, Pa., \$5.00; three thank offerings.....	13 00
“ 11, Mrs. J. Taylor Motter, treasurer, Ladies Ben. Soc. Ref. Ch. Emmitsburg, Md., 100 certificates.....	25 00
“ “ Rev. J. H. Hunsberger, Findlay, Ohio, Zion's Bloom congregation, Heidelberg charge.....	2 60
“ “ Rev. P. H. Dippell, Huntington, Ind., four certificates...	1 00
Carried forward.....	\$ 18,078 10

Brought forward.....		\$ 18,078 10.
Dec. 11, Rev. W. Goodrich, Clear Springs, Md., gift of a lady friend, one certificate.....		5 00
" 13, A. C. Weary, Selin's Grove, Pa., one certificate.....		36
" " Rev. S. Elliker, Baxter, Iowa, ten certificates.....		3 00
" 14, Rev. J. H. C. Roentgen, La Crosse, Wis., \$4.50 for eighteen pictures sent by Rev. Gring, from Japan, and \$6.00 from Trinity Church, La Crosse.....		10 50
" " Henry Myers, Hanover, Pa., per Elder H. Wirt, one certificate.....		5 00
" " Rev. Peter Kohl, Ai, Fulton Co., O., sixteen certificates		4 50
" " Charles Overfield, Harrisburg, Pa., one certificate.....		25
" " Rev. W. B. Sandoe, Butler, Pa., thirteen certificates.....		3 25
" " Rev. S. Z. Beam, Mt. Pleasant, Pa., three and one-half dozen certificates sold by him.....		13 75
" " Rev. S. M. Hench, Walkerville, Md., 100 certificates.....		25 00
" 15, First Reformed Sunday-school Pottsville, Pa., pastor C. Baum, per H. S. Sterner.....		4 68
" " Rev. J. W. Knappenberger, East End, Pittsburgh, four certificates.....		1 00
" " Rev. A. J. Heller, Arendtsville, Pa., six certificates, \$3.00, from his family for one certificate, \$5.00.....		8 00
" 16, Minnie Blessing, Buckeystown, Md., per Rev. N. H. Skyles, one certificate.....		1 00
Dec. 16, Rev. C. H. Schoepfle, Carothers, Seneca Co., Ohio.....		10 00
" " Rev. A. H. Leiss, Johnsville, Ohio, nineteen certificates.		7 00
" " Anna M. Weistling, Mount Alto, Pa., four certificates..		1 00
" " Mrs. E. R. Good, Treasurer Women's Missionary Society, First Reformed Church, Tiffin, Ohio, four certificates.....		1 75
" " J. L. Leniberger, Lebanon, Pa., fifty certificates.....		7 50
" 17, Rev. A. G. Dole, Huntingdon, Pa., eighteen certificates.		5 25
" " Rev. F. Dieckman, Wheatland, Iowa, twenty certificates.....		5 00
" " Rev. Stephen Schweitzer, Reamstown Charge, Pa.,.....		5 00
" " Abram Schneck, Horne, Jasper Co., Iowa, thirty-four certificates.....		8 50
" " G. Z. Kunkel Treasurer Reformed Sunday-school, Harrisburg, Pa., fifty certificates.....		15 50
" 18, Miss Anna Allen, Alexandria, Pa., twelve certificates..		3 00
" " Rev. E. Spangler, Edgerton, Ohio, twenty certificates...		5 00
" " Rev. E. H. Otting, Warren, Ohio, fifteen certificates.....		4 00
" 20, Rev. R. S. Appel, Hamburg, Pa., twelve certificates.....		3 00
Carried forward.....		\$ 18,244 89

Brought forward.....	\$ 18,244 89
Dec. 20, Rev. D. Zimmerman, Treasurer Synod Northwest, Gal- ion, Ohio, viz: St. John's Reformed Church, Fort Wayne, pastor Schaaf \$13.01; New Knoxville Re- formed Church, pastor Kuckerman \$40.00; G. Ruecker, per Rev. J. H. Klein, \$10.00.....	63 01
" 21, Rev. P. A. Long, Taneytown, Md., eight certificates.....	2 00
" " Rev. P. Herbruck, Canton, Ohio, forty-one certificates..	13 00
" " Rev. S. P. Mauger, Canal Winchester Ohio, twenty cer- tificates.....	5 00
" " Rev. W. D. Lefevre, Littlestown, Pa., six certificates....	1 50
" " J. H. Hartman, Leighton Pa., eighteen certificates.....	6 85
" " Rev. H. F. Keener, Berlin, Pa., twenty-five certificates.	6 25
" " Rev. C. U. Heilman, Elk Lick, Pa., sixty certificates...	15 00
" 22, Rev. E. J. Fogel, Fogelsville, Lehigh Co., Dr. Long's Sunday-school, Jordan Charge, thirteen certifi- cates.....	3 25
" " Rev. N. S. Strassburger, Zion's Reformed Church, Al- lentown, Pa., forty-seven certificates.....	11 80
" " Rev. J. M. Mickly, pastor Zion's Reformed Church, Newburg, Pa., twenty-five certificates.....	6 25
" " A friend one certificate, 25 cts; J. B. Bostick, 25 cts.....	50
" " Rev. Dr. G. W. Williard and E. J. Williard, Tiffin, O...	10 00
" 23, Rev. John McComel, Salina, Pa., gift of his son Yeakle Xenophon, one certificate	5 00
" " Rev. Jacob Hauser, Black River Falls, Wisconsin, one certificate for daughter.....	1 00
" 24, Rev. M. Loucks, Valley Charge, Dayton, Ohio, twenty- four certificates.....	6 50
" " Rev. D. Rothrock, Kintnersville, Pa., twenty certifi- cates.....	5 00
" 28, Rev. P. Herbruck, Canton, Ohio, five certificates.....	2 25
Dec. 28, Pastor A. B. Stoner, Trinity Reformed Sunday-school, Norristown, Pa., \$7.86, and sixty-eight certificates, \$17.07.....	24 93
" " Rev. J. M. North, Mercersburg, Pa., one picture from Japan, 50 cts., one certificate, 50 cts.....	1 00
" 29, Henrietta Hapke, Harrisburg, Pa., one certificate.....	25
" " Samuel W. Wire, Taylortown, Va., one certificate.....	1 00
" " Rev. F. Strassner, Orrville, Ohio, 100 certificates.....	25 00
" 30, Rev. N. S. Strassburger, Allentown, Pa., Sunday-school Zion's Reformed Church.....	7 56
" " Rev. J. A. Keller, viz: Sunday-school Lenville, \$4.85; Randolph, \$3.85; Hartsville, \$1.70; St. Jacob's, \$1.55	11 95
Carried forward.....	\$ 18,480 74

Brought forward.....		\$18,480 74
Dec. 30, Pastor R. C. Bowling, Emlenton Charge, Reformed Church, Venango Co., twenty-two certificates.....		5 50
“ 31, Rev. C. M. Schaaf, Mt. Olivet Charge, North Lima, O., forty-four certificates.....		14 25
“ “ St. John’s Reformed Sunday-school, Tamaqua, Pa., pastor I. E. Graeff, fifty-five certificates.....		19 96
“ “ Rev. Carl Gundlach, Rochester, N. Y., sixty certificates		15 00
“ “ Rev. M. H. Diefenderfer, Elderton, Pa., forty-six certf.		16 65
“ “ Rev. J. G. Ruhl, Findlay, Ohio, \$5.00, of which \$4.53 is from Salem Church, Wyandot Co., five cerfts.....		5 00
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Jan. 1, Rev. W. F. P. Davis, treasurer, Lebanon Classis, viz: St. Paul’s Reformed Sunday-school, Reading, H. C. McCauley, treasurer, 150 certificates, \$71.00; Sunday-school St. John’s Reformed Church, Reading, S. Hartman, treasurer, \$21.71; R. W. Eastlake, pledge made at Synod of Lebanon, \$5.00		97 71
Jan. 1, Rev. C. U. Heilman, Elk Lick, Pa., sixty certfs.....		15 00
“ “ Reformed Sunday-school Martinsburg, W. Va., pastor J. A. Hoffheims, thirty-seven certifs.....		9 26
“ 3, Rev. A. Schneck, Horne, Iowa, one certif.....		1 00
“ “ Rev. P. M. Trexler, China Grove, M C., six certifs.....		1 50
“ “ Rev. J. P. Stein, Pottsville, Pa., forty certifs.....		10 00
“ “ Rev. C. S. Gerhard, Reformed Church Columbia, eighteen certifs.....		4 60
“ “ Rev. C. S. Gerhard, the gift of Master Harvey Stover, of Columbia, upon his dying bed, one certificate to his mother, Louisa Stover, per hands of Rev. Gerhard		1 00
“ “ Rev. T. S. Johnston, viz: Helen Barbara, John Heilman and Charles Oscar, children of John H. and Mary Bressler, Lebanon, three certifs.....		3 00
“ 4, Rev. Simon Wolf, Martinsburg, Pa., thirty-two certifs..		8 00
“ “ Zion’s Reformed Church, Philadelphia, pastor Dr. Gehr, per John E. Bossert, Esq., on account of certf.....		15 00
“ “ Rev. John W. Pontius, Cochran, Pa., twenty certifs.		5 00
“ “ Sunday-school Mt. Moriah Church, Washington Co., Md., per Rev. A. C. Geary, twenty certifs.....		5 00
“ 5, Rev. A. R. Bartholomew, Jonestown, Pa., forty certifs.		10 00
Jan. 5, Rev. J. Huston Bomberger, Columbiana, Ohio, nine certificates.....		2 40
“ “ J. W. Lackens, Superintendent Greencastle, Pa., Sunday-school, four certificates.....		1 00
Carried forward.....		\$18,746 75

Brought forward.....		\$ 18,746 57
Jan. 5, T. C. Rudy, Frederick, Md., viz: St. Paul's Missionary Society of Middletown, Md., T. C. Rudy, treasurer, \$13.30, and one picture from Japan, of mission house 35 cts. (\$13.65); Reformed Church, Middletown, Md., Lawson Alexander, treasurer, \$15.35.....		29 00
" " Rev. A. J. Bowers, Weyer's Cave, Va., thirty certifs.....		7 25
" " Rev. F. C. Yost, Thornville, Ohio, viz: Thornville Sunday-school, \$10.10; St. Paul's Sunday-school \$3.50; Salem Sunday-school 75 cts; Zion's Sunday-school 65 cts.....		15 00
" " Rev. F. Schaud, Bakersville, Ohio, six certfs.....		5 00
" 6, Rev. H. W. Hoffmeier, Middletown, Md. one certf.....		1 00
" " Rev. J. J. Janett, Reformed Church, Evansville, Ind., \$5.00, and one certf 25 cts.....		5 25
" " Rev. C. F. Kriete, Fort Wayne, Ind, viz: a friend \$1.00; Elder H. Tons, one certf., 50 cts; C. F. K., two certf 50 cts.....		2 00
" " Rev. John B. Rust, Sunday-school Salem Reformed Church, Waynesburg, Ohio, eighty certfs.....		20 00
" 7, Pastor A. K. Kline, South Bend Charge, Elderton, Pa., seventy certfs.....		21 50
" " Rev. John Bachman, Cincinnati, viz: Ladies Union Missionary Society First Reformed Church, Cincinnati, \$10.00; Calvin Otting \$1.00; thank-offering Reformed Church, Millville, O., pastor W. F. Horstmeier, \$10.00, and from same for twelve certfs. \$3.00		24 00
" 8, Rev. J. C. Bucher, D. D. Lewisburg, Pa.....		5 00
" " Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D. D., Frederick City, Md., certfs. \$17.00; also by Evangelical Reformed Church, of Frederick, Louis Markell, treasurer, \$15.00.....		32 00
" 11, Rev. John M. Kendig, Lancaster, Ohio, five certfs.....		2 35
" " Theo. O. Ebaugh, Washington City, one certf.....		25
" " Rev. S. R. Fisher, D. D., from Rev. J. D. Deatrich, White Marsh Charge.....		5 00
" 12, Rev. S. P. Mauger, Canal Winchester, Ohio, seventy-two certfs.....		18 00
" " Rev. C. A. Linberg, Butler, Pa., twenty-nine certfs., viz: from the Lord's account \$5.00; F. Pfug \$1.00; M. West 50 cts; G. Leise 50 cts; H. Martzolf 35 cts.		7 35
" " F. C. Hoover, Blue Bell, Pa., twenty-five certfs.....		6 50
" 13, Rev. S. Shaw, Bloomville, Ohio, eighteen certfs.....		5 00
" " Rev. H. Bentz, Clarence, Erie Co., N. Y., fifty-six certfs.		14 00
Carried forward.....		\$ 18,972 02

Brought forward.....	\$ 18,972 02
Jan. 13, Rev. Isaac M. Motter, Waynesboro, Pa.....	7 00
“ “ Rev. W. H. H. Snyder, First Reformed Church, Harris- burg, Pa., redemption of pledge at Synod.....	20 00
Jan. 13, St. John's Reformed Sunday-school, Howertown, Pa., Rev. D. Y. Heisler, treasurer, East Pennsylvania Classis, twenty certifs.....	5 00
“ “ Rev. F. J. Mohr, Quakertown, Pa., twelve certifs.....	3 00
“ 14, Rev. Jacob Weaver, Sidney, Ohio, ten certifs.....	3 00
“ “ Rev. S. B. Schafer, Milton, Pa.....	17 63
“ 15, D. B. Mauger, treasurer, Goshenhoppen Classis, viz: St. Peter's Church, Limerick, Lewis Marstellar, treasurer, \$22.21; Boyerstown Church, Rev. L. J. Mayer, pastor, \$25.00.....	47 21
“ 17, Rev. S. Elliker, Baxter, Iowa, twenty-two certifs.....	5 65
“ “ Dr. D. C. Lichliter, Sunday-school First Reformed Ch., Dayton, Ohio	25 00
“ “ Rev. G. P. Hartzell, \$1.50 for six certifs., and \$1.00 for Miss A. M. Meyer, one certif., Myerstown, Pa.....	2 50
“ “ Rev. J. F. Butler, Shelbyville, Ills., one certif.....	1 00
“ “ Louis Markell, treasurer, Ev. Reformed Church, Fred- erick, Md., per Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D. D., from Sunday-school.....	70 00
“ 18, Elder J. Follmer, Watsonstown, Pa., twenty-five certif.	00
“ “ John Weist, Freeburg, Pa., four certifs.....	5 00
“ 19, Rev. P. Kohl, Ai, Ohio.....	24
“ “ Rev. J. Roeck, Ebenezer, Erie Co., N. Y., one certif.....	2 00
“ “ A. Lukenbach, Millheim, Pa., two certifs.....	50
“ 20, John H. Beck, for Edward Beck and Nettie Beck, two certifs., Lake, Ohio	5 00
“ “ Rev. Moritz Noll, Rogersville, O., Missionary Society Zion's Reformed Church, \$9.00, and from a friend, \$3.00.....	12 00
“ 21, St. Paul's Reformed Sunday-school, St. Clairsville, Pa., thirty-six certifs., Geo. Stuftt, supt.....	9 00
“ 22, Rev. A. C. Whitmer, Mifflinsburg, for seven pictures re- ceived from Rev. A. D. Gring.....	1 75
“ 24, Rev. N. H. Skyles, Jefferson, Md.....	7 50
“ “ Mr. H. A. Forney, treasurer, Systematic Benevolence Fund, North Carolina Classis, viz: Guilford Charge Pastor G. W. Welker, D. D., \$20.00; Upper David- son Charge, Pastor Thos. Long.....	25 90
“ “ Rev. S. N. Callender, D. D., Rockingham, Va., from Rev. J. C. Hensell, \$10.00, and \$3.75 for twelve certifs	13 75
Carried forward.....	\$ 19,266 65

Brought forward.....		\$ 19,266 65
Jan. 24, Rev. J. B. Henry, Plymouth, Indiana, fifteen certifs....		7 15
“ 25, St. Paul's Reformed Church, Lancaster, Pa., Pastor J. B. Shumaker, D. D., forty certifs.....		18 50
“ “ Rev. D. M. Christman, Minersville, Pa., forty certifs...		10 00
“ “ Levi Kell, Landisburg, Pa., Trinity Congregation, \$15.55, St. Peter's Congregation, \$10.00		25 55
“ “ Rev. D. B. Shuey, New Providence, Lancaster Co., thirty certifs.....		7 50
“ 26, John Biery, Union Deposit, Pa., two certifs.....		1 00
“ “ Reformed Church Hanover, Pa., per Elder H. Wirt, 200 certifs.....		50 00
“ “ Reformed Sunday-school Frostburg, Md., Rev. J. Ruhl, twenty certifs.....		5 00
“ “ Rev. A. Houtz, Orangeville, Pa., forty certifs		10 00
“ “ Rev. L. D. Steckel, Myersdale Charge, Pa		5 50
“ “ Sunday-school Second Reformed Church, Reading, Rev. Dr. McCauley, Wm. T. Hain, treasurer.....		15 00
“ 27, Pastor Stern, Second Reformed Sunday-school, Indianapolis, Indiana		5 00
“ 28, Rev. H. M. Kieffer, Norristown, twenty certifs.....		5 00
“ “ C. P. W. Fisher, M. D., Boalsburg.....		5 00
“ 29, Rev. S. M. Hench, Walkersville, Md., eighty certifs.....		20 00
“ 31, Emanuel Missionary Society Reformed Church Manor-dale, Pa., per Rev. J. F. Snyder, fifty-six certifs.....		14 00
Feb. 1, Pastor Ch. Keller, Emanuel's Reformed Church, Philadelphia, Pa., viz: Sunday-school Missionary Society \$3.00; fourteen certificates, \$9.00.....		12 00
“ “ Rev. D. B. Lady, Manor Station, Pa., twenty certifs....		13 00
“ 2, Rev. S. Ream, Arcanum, Ohio, twenty-seven certifs.....		10 30
“ “ J. W. Lackens, Greencastle, Pa., six certifs.....		1 50
“ “ Ref. Miss. Ch. Catasauqua, Pa., Pastor J. J. Crist.....		5 00
“ “ “A Friend,” a lady member of St. John's Reformed Church, Allentown, Pastor S. G. Wagner, D. D.....		90 00
“ 3, Rev. I. S. Hahn, Nimisilla P. O., Ohio, First Reformed Sunday-school, Manchester Charge, twelve certifs...		3 00
“ “ Rev. D. S. Fouse, Lisbon, Iowa, Missionary Society.....		6 00
“ 4, Rev. W. H. Fenneman, Tiffin, Ohio, four certifs.....		4 00
“ “ Rev. E. H. Otting, Warren, Ohio, three certifs		75
“ “ Rev. T. Grosshusch, Linton, Indiana, three certifs.....		2 00
“ 5, Rev. H. S. Garner, Schellsburg, Pa., from Buena Vista Congregation, \$2.50, and \$11.50 for thirty-six certifs		14 00
“ “ Rev. J. M. Souder, New Castle, Pa., \$2.00, and from New Castle Mission \$2.75 for eleven certifs.....		4 75
Carried Forward.....		\$ 19,637 15

Brought forward.....		\$ 19,637 15
Feb. 5, Rev. D. Rothrock, Kintnersville, Pa., additional on twenty certifs.....		3 25
" " J. L. Lemberger, Lebanon, Pa., additional on fifty certifs.....		9 00
" 8, Sunday-school First Reformed Church, Lancaster, Pa., G. H. Wentz, treasurer; pastor, J. A. Peters, eighty-one certifs.....		20 25
" " Rev. W. I. Stewart, St. Thomas, Pa., four certifs.....		1 00
" 9, Rev. W. M. Landis, Rebersburg, Pa., fifteen certifs.....		3 75
" 10, Rev. J. T. Kluge, Sheboygan, Wis., viz: J. Schmitt Morrison \$3.00; from K., \$2.50; Sunday-school scholars, A. Schneider 50 cts; John Pieper 50 cts; Mary Graf 50 cts; W. Klink 40 cts.....		7 40
" " Rev. C. H. Reiter, Woodcock Valley Charge, Pa., forty- eight certifs.....		12 00
Feb. 10, Rev. J. Dotter, Merwin, Pa., Pine Run Reformed Church \$3.50, and \$7.00 for twenty-five certifs.....		10 50
" " Rev. G. W. Welker, D. D., Greensborough, N. C., twenty certifs.....		5 00
" 11, Rev. F. C. Bauman, Zwingle, Iowa, collected in his church \$10.00, and in Sunday-school \$2.45; sent fifty certifs.....		12 45
" " Rev. J. Matzinger, Clay City, Indiana, viz: from F. Ley 35 cts; J. P. Ley 50 cts; Rosina Zuercher 50 cts; Louisa Steiner 35 cts, and Hannah Matzinger 30 cts.....		2 00
" 12, Rev. D. N. Dittmar, infant Sunday-school at St. Clairs- ville, Pa.....		3 00
" " Rev. A. R. Thompson, twenty-four certifs.....		7 50
" 14, Rev. N. S. Strassburger, viz: from a member of Zion's Reformed Church \$1.00; two other members \$1.25, two certifs.....		2 25
" " John H. Zimmerman, Stoyestown, Pa., one certf.....		27
" 15, Rev. A. J. Bowers, Weyers Cave, Va., balance on forty certifs.....		3 75
" 16, Rev. J. W. Knappenberger, Pittsburg, Pa., "Friend of the Cause," one certf.....		5 00
" " Rev. J. C. Bucher, D. D., Lewisburg, from Mary J. Reber, one certf.....		1 00
" " Rev. D. H. Leader, Everett Church and Sunday-school \$7.00, and in addition, \$12.00, 76 certifs.....		19 00
" " Rev. D. S. Dieffenbacher, thirty certifs.....		10 00
Carried forward.....		\$ 19,775 52

Brought forward.....	\$ 19,775 52
Feb. 16, Reformed Sunday-school, Kutztown, Pa., per Rev. N. C. Schaeffer, eighty certfs.....	20 00
“ 18, Rev. N. Wiers, New Bavaria, Ohio, from Mrs. C. Desgranges.....	2 00
“ “ Rev. G. W. Roth, Erwinna, Pa., twenty certfs.....	5 05
“ 19, Rev. A. B. Shenkle, viz: Lizzie Mylin 25 cts; Amos Hollinger 25 cts; Frederick Dugan 25 cts; G. C. W. Shenkle 25 cts; Miss Laura E. Shenkle 25 cts; Mrs. Mary Shenkle \$1.00.....	2 25
“ “ Rev. F. C. Yost, from Sunday-schools Thornville Charge, Ohio, viz: St. Paul's \$7.55; Salem \$1.35; Zion's \$1.10; balance on one hundred certfs.....	10 00
“ 21, Rev. J. A. Nicolai, Abilene, Kansas, four certfs.....	1 00
“ 22, Rev. A. Kanne, La Crosse, Wis., received from Elizabeth Lotz \$1.00; P. Kienholtz 50 cts; F. Schild 10 cts; one certf.....	1 60
“ 23, Rev. J. M. Mickly, Newburg, Pa., eight certfs.....	2 00
“ “ N. B. Schmitt, Woodstock, Va., extra on certf.....	1 00
“ “ Rev. W. F. P. Davis, Treasurer Lebanon Classis, from St. John's Sunday-school. Schuylkill Haven, pastor Johnson, for missions, \$15.00, for mission house, \$6.00; Henry Moyer, Schwartzwald Church, \$2.00; and from First Reformed Church, Reading, Rev. H. Mosser, by sale of certfs., \$56.00.....	79 00
“ 25, Rev. W. J. Peters, Slatington Charge, thirty-six certfs..	23 00
Mar. 1, Rev. D. Gring, Glen Rock Charge, Pa., twenty-five certfs.....	11 00
“ “ B. Wolff, jr., Pittsburg, Pa., a member of Grace Church \$5.00, and her three children \$1.00.....	6 00
“ 2, “A friend,” Washington, Ill., one certf. for Mrs. Mary C. Benford, and one certf. for Edgar A. Benford, Neosho Falls, Kansas.....	1 00
“ 8, Rev. H. Hilbish, Hanover, Pa., from Shermans Church, Manheim Charge, Zion's Classis.....	7 46
“ 10, Rev. R. B. Reichard, Springboro, Ohio, twelve certfs....	3 00
“ “ Rev. J. H. Apple, Saegerstown Pa., twenty-five certfs...	5 00
“ “ Rev. I. K. Loos, Christ Reformed Church, Bethlehem, Pa.....	25 00
“ 11, Pastor W. R. Hofford, Allentown, Pa., South Whitehall Missionary Society, S. W. C. Cong., sixty certfs.....	15 00
“ “ Rev. F. J. Mohr, Quakertown Charge.....	5 75
“ “ G. Z. Kunkel from estate of his son Daniel H. Kunkel, deceased, Harrisburg, Pa.....	50 00
Carried forward.....	\$ 20,051 63

Brought forward.....	\$ 20,051 63
Mar. 12, Rev. Geo. W. Roth, N. J, additional on twenty certfs....	75
“ 15, McConnelstown Congregation, pastor A. G. Dole.....	7 06
“ “ Rev. C. F. W. Hustedt, Van Wert, Ohio, for one certf. to be sent to J. Mager.....	2 00
“ “ H. Lukenbach, Millheim, Pa., from Reformed Sunday- school, Aaronsburg, Pa., fifty-six certfs.....	14 00
“ 16, Elder John H. Zimmerman, Stoyestown, Pa., twenty certfs.....	5 00
“ “ Rev. M. H. Groh, New Lisbon, Ohio, nine certfs.....	2 25
“ “ Coplay Sunday-school, Lehigh Co., Pa., twenty-one certfs.....	5 25
“ “ H. S. Stoner, Superintendent First Refomred Sunday- school, Pottsville.....	5 80
“ 17, Rev. J. Eichin, Linton, Indiana, viz: from Mary Hoel- shen 50 cts; Sophia Sander 25 cts; Bernhard Due 50 cts; August Sander 35 cts; H. Johanningsmier 25 cts; S. Johanningsmier 25 cts; Sunday-school St. John's Reformed Church 45 cts.....	2 55
“ “ S. D. Sites, Fairview, Indiana, two certfs.....	5 00
“ 18, Rev. S. R. Bridenbaugh, Berlin, Pa., forty certfs.....	10 00
“ “ Fannie S. Hedrick, Stanardsville, Va., one certf.....	25
“ 20, Rev. Jacob Kehm, Sellersville, Pa., sixty certfs.....	15 05
“ 22, Rev. J. Dotterer, Merwin, Pa., five certfs.....	1 25
“ “ Rev. J. B. Kieffer, Lancaster, Pa., one certf.....	27
“ “ Rev. W. A. Gring, Mann's Choice, Pa., nine certfs.....	2 25
“ 23, Heidelberg Reformed Church, Philadelphia, per W. H. Schall.....	5 00
“ “ Rev. H. W. Hoffmeier, Chambersburg, Pa., viz: Reform- ed Church, Hagerstown, \$4.00; Reformed Trinity Church, Waynesboro, \$1.25; Marion Reformed Church \$4.75.....	10 00
“ 24, Rev. W. M. Landis, Rebersburg, Pa., forty certis.....	10 00
“ “ Rev. H. Trautman, Cleveland, Ohio, thirty-six certfs...	16 75
“ 25, Pastor C. Clever, Reformed Church, Baltimore, for forty certfs., sold by George G. Everhart, superintendent Sunday-school	33 75
“ “ Rev. C. H. Leinbach, D. D., one hundred certfs.....	25 00
“ “ Rev. H. W. Hoffineier, Chambersburg Ref. Church.....	15 50
“ 26, Mrs. Aughinbaugh, Myerstown, Pa., per Miss Adams, eight certfs.....	2 00
“ “ Thomas Christman, Colebrookdale, Pa., from Christ Re- formed Sunday-school, Douglass Township, Pa., pastor Keller, on account of one hundred and twen- ty-five certfs.....	26 31
Carried forward.....	\$ 20,274 67

Brought forward	\$ 20,274 67
Mar. 25, Rev. W. I. Stewart, St. Thomas, Pa., ten certfs.....	2 50
“ “ Rev. J. M. Grether, Osnaburg, Ohio, viz: five certfs. \$1.25, one to Deacon George Lang, 50 cts; one certf. to Elder Paul Geiger, \$5.00.....	6 75
“ “ Pastor C. Borchers, Fourth Reformed St. John's Church Baltimore, gift of Sunday-school.....	4 25
“ 31, Rev. M. Loucks, Dayton, Ohio, four certfs., (from Val- ley Charge,)	2 00
Apr. 1, Third Reformed Church, Baltimore, pastor Clever, per J. DeHoff, treasurer.....	45 00
“ 4, Rev. Thomas S. Johnston, D. D., from Sunday-school St. John's Reformed Church, Lebanon, Pa.....	9 00
“ 5, Rev. W. A. Haas, treas., W. Susquehanna Classis; from Rev. S. M. Roeder's charge, Centre Hall, Pa., twen- ty-five certfs.....	9 10
“ “ Rev. C. H. Reiter, James Creek, Pa., four certfs:.....	1 00
“ 6, Rev. J. F. Busche, Reformed Church, New York.....	25 00
“ 7, Rev. Thomas N. Reber, Macungie, Pa., sixteen certfs...	4 00
“ “ Rev. H. W. Hoffmeier, Lebanon, Pa., from Rev. Dr. Hiester's Charge.....	12 85
“ 8, Sunday-school Missionary Society Second Reformed Church, Harrisburg, per Dr. Isaac Lefevre, sixty- six certfs.....	16 41
“ “ Rev. F. C. Yost, Thornville, Ohio, Sunday-schools of his Charge, viz: St. Paul's \$3.80; Thornville \$4 63; Salem 97 cts; Zions 60 cts.....	10 00
“ “ Elder Henry Leonard, Basil, Ohio, one certf.....	5 00
“ 9, Rev. Frank Wetzel, Dakota, Illinois, sixteen certfs.....	4 00
“ 11, Rev. W. M. Landis, Rebersburg, Pa., four certfs.....	1 00
“ 12, Rev. S. R. Fisher, D. D., from Rev. J. D. Detrich, Whitemarsh, Pa	4 51
“ 13, Rev. H. W. Hoffmeier, from Campbelltown Reformed Church, \$11.10, additional; from Palmyra Church, \$3.75; both Rev. Dr. Hiester.....	14 85
“ 16, G. Ella Hedrick, Stanardsville, Va., two certfs.	50
“ “ Rev. W. I. Stewart, St. Thomas, Pa., ten certfs.....	4 00
“ “ Rev. John H. Leinbach, Reading, thirty-eight certfs.....	9 50
“ 18, Mrs. Louise Reily, Myerstown, Pa., one certf.....	1 00
“ 19, Rev. G. W. Roth, Erwinna, Pa., two certfs.....	1 25
“ “ Christ's Reformed Church, Montgomery Co., Pa., pas- tor Keller, per Thomas Christman, treasurer, bal- ance on one hundred and twenty-five certfs.....	9 77

Carried forward.....\$ 20,477 91

Brought forward.....	\$ 20,477 91
Apr 20, Rev. A. S. Stauffer, Elizabethtown, Dauphin Co., Pa., four certs.....	1 00
April 20, Fourth Reformed Church, Cleveland, Ohio, Rev. H. Trautman	14 00
“ “ Grace Reformed Church, Pittsburg, Easter offering, per B. Wolff, jr.....	22 00
“ “ Geo. Z. Kunkel and Catharine Kunkel, each \$100.00 for purchase of printing press for use in Mission House in Tokio.....	200 00
“ 22, Rev. J. M. Titzel, Altoona, Pa., Sunday-school Christ's Church, \$8.00, and from sale of pictures sent him by Rev. Gring, Tokio, \$3.00.....	11 00
“ 23, C. Roth, Baltimore, Md., per Rev. M. Bachman.....	5 00
“ 25, Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, Reformed Church Martinsburg, W. Va., \$13.99, and from Sunday-school, \$5.31.....	19 30
“ “ Elder John Heilman, of Heilman Dale, Pa.	5 00
“ “ Emanuel Missionary Society Manordale, Pa., Rev. J. F. Snyder, for Mission House.....	15 20
“ “ Rev. D. Gring, York, Pa., two certificates.....	1 00
“ 26, Rev. J. C. Bucher, D. D., Lewisburg, Pa.....	5 00
“ “ Sunday-school First Reformed Church, Lebanon, J. L. Lemberger, treasurer, pastor F. W. Kremer, D. D....	50 00
“ 27, Rev. A. Seyring, Catechnmen's Church of Hope, Cin- cinnati, Ohio, \$1.50, and from anonymous friend, 50c	2 00
“ “ Catharine J. M. Haehulen, one certificate, Harriburg,	1 00
“ 28, Cash, Columbiana, Ohio, one certificate.....	25
“ “ From Kelker Brothers, Harrisburg, interest on Brinker Legacy to April 22, 1881.....	93 05
“ 29, Thornville Charge, Ohio, pastor, F. C. Yost, St. Paul's Sunday-school, \$2.37, and Salem Sunday-school, \$3.75.....	6 12
May 2, Mrs. J. Taylor Motter, treasurer, proceeds of sale of cer- tificates sent to Benevolent Society of Church of In- carnation, Emmittsburg, Md.....	7 60
“ “ Rev. W. F. P. Davis, treasurer Lebanon Classis, con- tributed, viz: Sunday-school Shaefferstown, Pa., Pastor Bachman, for Mission House, \$6.50; Miss Lucy Stein (now deceased), per Rev. Dr. Hiester, for Mission House, \$2.00; St. Paul's Church, Read- ing, Pa., Rev. Dr. Bausman, additional, \$5.25; Sun- day-school Christ's Reformed Church, Annville, Rev. Dr. Hiester, \$10.00; First Reformed Church, Reading, per S. Sprecher, treasurer, \$76.00; Reform- ed Church Gouglersville, pledge at Synod by Rev. M. L. Fritsch, \$5.00.....	104 75

Carried forward\$ 21,041 18

Brought forward.....	\$ 21,041 18
May, 3, Adelle Catharine Bressler, infant daughter of J. H. and Mary Bressler, Lebanon, Pa.....	1 00
“ “ Rev. C. H. Leinbach, D. D., for 100 additional certfic's	25 00
“ “ Rev. D. Y. Heisler, Easton, Pa., from Mrs. Heisler, \$5.00; Nev'n St. John Heisler, \$3.00	8 00
Total amount.....	<u>\$21,075 18</u>

ANALYSIS OF RECEIPTS.

1. Amount received from Thomas J. Craig, former treasurer, balance remaining in his hands.....	5,296 39
2. Principal of \$2,000, U. S. four per cent. consols, sold.....	2,000 00
3. Loans repaid to treasurer; principal.....	3,000 00
4. Interest received from temporary loans \$47.67; interest re- ceived on U. S. four per cent. consols \$120.00; interest re- ceived on Sarah Brinker legacy \$93.05; premium received U. S. four per cent. consols, sold, \$186.00.....	446 72
5. Principal of Sarah Brinker legacy, (on account), \$1,550.74; principal of Adelaide R. Dechant legacy, \$100.00.....	1,650 74
6. Contributions for general purposes and for Mission House, and for Mission House Certificates sold, including amounts received from sundry individuals for the picture of Mis- sion House sent to them by Rev. A. D. Gring from Japan..	8,681 33
Total amount.....	<u>\$21,075 18</u>

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1878.

Oct. 1, By Cash paid following members of the Board of Mis- sions for traveling expenses, viz: Rev. B. Baus- man, D. D., \$3.50, Rev. C. Z. Weiser, D. D., \$7.20, Rev. N. Gehr, D. D., \$6.50, Rev. J. W. Santee, D. D., \$1.80, G. S. Griffith, \$6.20, Rev. J. H. A. Bomberger, D. D., \$3.50, Rev. C. H. Leinbach, D. D., \$2.00, Rev. D. Van Horne, D. D., Mtg. of Ex. Committee and of Board, \$10.00, Rev. T. S. Johnston, D. D., Mtg. of Ex. Committee and of Board, \$3.50.....	\$ 47 20
Nov. 2, By Cash paid Rev. A. D. Gring, per order of president and secretary, \$20.00, per receipt	20 00

1879.

Jan. 4, By Cash paid Rev. A. D. Gring, per order of president and secretary, \$225.00.....	225 00
“ 27, By Cash paid Rev. A. D. Gring, per check No. 4 on Harrisburg National Bank, per order of president and secretary, \$150.00, sent by mail.....	150 00
Carried forward.....	<u>\$ 442 20</u>

Brought forward.....	\$	442 20
Jan. 27, By Cash paid Rev. T. S. Johnston, D. D., per order of president and secretary, per check No. 5 on Harrisburg National Bank, for traveling expenses and postage.....		5 00
Mar. 1, By Cash loaned on promissory note to Kelker Bros., \$2,000.00, at six per cent per annum		2,000 00
“ 11, Cash paid Rev. A. D. Gring, missionary to Japan, per written order of vice-president Leinbach and secretary Dr. Johnston, \$1,225.00		1,225 00
“ 13, Cash paid Rev. Dr. Johnston, secretary, per order of Rev. C. H. Leinbach, D. D., vice-president, and Rev. Dr. Johnston, secretary, for expenses of those members of the Board who attended the farewell missionary meeting at Reading, Pa., viz: Dr. Weiser, \$3.50, Dr. Bomberger, \$2.75, Dr. Gehr, \$3.65, Dr. Leinbach, \$1.50, G. S. Griffith, \$7.92, Dr. Johnston, \$2.00, W. H. Seibert, in all.....		24 32
April 22, Cash to J. Uhler, Esq., Cashier Harrisburg National Bank, for a Draft on New York (American National Exchange Bank), for \$124.58, this day mailed to Rev. A. D. Gring, San Francisco, California, per order of Dr. Leinbach, president pro tem, and Rev. T. S. Johnston, D. D., secretary		124 58
May 14, Cash paid out to M. W. McAlarney, Post Master, agent for sale of U. S. Four Per Cent Refunding Certificates, obtained this day from him through various applicants, in behalf of treasurer, in all, \$2,000.00 Money drawn from bank per check to R. F. Kelker, treasurer, for said sum, \$2,000.00.....		2,000 00
May 14, Paid post master for accrued interest on said certificates since April 1, 1879, the date of said certificates.....		9 40
Jun. 25, By cash paid Harrisburg National Bank, \$600, for draft No. 153, dated New York, June 24, 1879, Laidlaw & Co., Agents Bank of California, on the Oriental Bank Corporation, Yokohama, Japan, payable to order of Rev. A. D. Gring for \$615, local currency.....		600 00
Jul. 1, Cash paid Harrisburg National Bank, expenses incident to funding U. S. certificates into \$2,00 U. S. four per cent. consols.....		2 00
Sept. 2, Cash paid S. W. Pomeroy, agent Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, 59 Wall St., New York, P. O. box 3072, by draft purchased of Harrisburg National Bank on First National Bank, New York, for \$499.17, the net value of a draft of \$500, made by Rev. A. D. Gring on R. F. Kelker, treasurer, July 28, 1879, at Yokohama, on the said Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation.....		499 17
Carried forward.....	\$	6,931 67

Brought forward.....	\$ 6,931 67
Oct. 25, Check to Rev. T. S. Johnston, D. D., traveling expenses to and from three meetings of Executive Committee, &c.....	6 25
Nov. 26, Check to Rev. C. H. Leinbach, \$2.00, and Rev. T. S. Johnston \$1.15, together \$3.15, traveling expenses to attend meeting of Executive Committee.....	3 15
Dec. 13, Rev. J. Bossard, Ph. D., for Sheboygan Classis in aid of building a Mission House for Rev. Jacob Hauser, missionary to the Indians, per resolution of the Executive Committee at its last meeting, \$200.....	200 00
“ “ Kelker Brothers, temporary loan on demand, \$1,000 at six per cent. interest.....	1,000 00
1880	
Jan. 6, Postal Money Order to J. M. Dickinson, Esq., attorney for executor of Sarah Brinker, deceased, for copy of her will \$2.40, and post master's fee 10 cts.....	2 50
Mar. 18, Cash paid J. C. Bomberger, cashier, Mechanic's Bank for draft of Rev. A. D. Gring, dated Yokohama, Japan, Feb. 16, 1880, on R. F. Kelker, payable to the order of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, \$500 in American gold.....	500 00
Apr. 6, Cash paid expenses of members of the Board, attending special meeting this day held to consider the purchase of a house in Tokio, for Rev. A. D. Gring, (held at Harrisburg, Pa.,) G. S. Griffith \$4.00; Dr. Bausman \$1.35; Dr. Van Horne \$4.60; Dr. Johnston \$1.25.....	11 20
April 6, Cash paid Western Union Telegraph Co., for telegram to Rev. A. D. Gring, Yokohama, Japan, per order of the Board, viz: " <i>Gringe, Yokohama, Japan, Geo. Kelker.</i> " (Note the <i>e</i> was added to the name of Mr. Gring, at his request, to signify that he should prepare and forward a circular and picture of the house proposed to be purchased, to the ministers of our churches, and to the superintendents of our Sunday-schools, asking aid to pay for a mission house).....	15 38
“ 22, By Cash loaned to Kelker Brothers, the net amount of money received from J. J. Brinker, executor of Sarah Brinker, deceased, \$1,550 74, per promissory note	1,550 74
Carried forward.....	\$10,220 89

Brought forward.....	\$10,220 89
June 11, By Cash paid Harrisburg National Bank, Draft of Rev. A. D. Gring, on R. F. Kelker, treasurer Foreign Mission Board of the Reformed Church, to order of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, dated Yokohama, April 27, 1880, being the first installment on purchase of Mission House for Reformed Church in Tokio, Japan, \$2,400.00.....	2,400 00
July 7, By Cash paid Mechanics' Bank, Harrisburg, Pa., Draft of Rev. A. D. Gring, dated Yokohama, June 3, 1880, on R. F. Kelker, treasurer, for \$636.75, to order of Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.....	636 75
Aug. 19, Amount of traveling expenses of members of the Brd, paid this day per order of the Board, viz: Dr. Weiser, \$4.40, Dr. Santee, \$5.00, Dr. Leinbach, \$1.75 Dr. Johnston, \$6.00, and to Dr. Bausman, by mail, \$2.20.....	19 35
Sept. 2, Cash paid Draft of Rev. A. D. Gring, dated Yokohama, July 30, 1880, on R. F. Kelker, treasurer, etc., to order of Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, \$500.00, and this day, September 2, paid by R. F. Kelker, treasurer, to J. C. Bomberger, Cashier Mechanics' Bank of Harrisburg.....	500 00
Oct. 30, Cash paid Lane S. Hart, for 2,000 copies of Missionary Certificates, prepared by direction of the Executive Committee.....	122 00
Nov. 10, By cash paid J. C. Bomberger, Cashier Mechanic's Bank, draft of Rev. A. D. Gring, dated Yokohama, Oct. 4, 1880, for \$1,550.50, (remaining installment on Mission House), payable to the order of the Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation.....	1,555 50
" 22, By cash paid J. C. Bomberger, Cashier Mechanic's Bank for draft of Rev. A. D. Gring, dated Oct. 20, 1880, at Yokohama, for \$500, payable to order of Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation.....	500 00
Dec. 3, By cash paid Lane S. Hart for 3,900 Mission House certificates.....	156 00
1881.	
Jan. 6, By cash paid Theo F. Scheffer for letter book and printing.....	8 00
" " Traveling expenses paid Rev. D. Van Horne, D. D., \$6.30; traveling and clerical help paid by Rev. T. S. Johnston, D. D., authorized by Board of Missions, \$10.00.....	16 30
Carried forward.....	\$ 16,134 79

Brought forward.....	\$16,134 79
Feb. 15, Cash paid to Lane S. Hart for 3,800 certificates of Mission House, (less \$4.00 over charge in former lot).....	148 00
Feb. 24, Cash paid Draft of Rev. A. D. Gring, to order of Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, \$500, Draft dated Yokohama, Japan, Dec. 31, 1880, presented this day by Mechanic's Bank and paid to J. C. Bomberger, Esq., cashier.....	500 00
Mar. 31, Cash paid Mechanic's Bank, Draft of Rev. A. D. Gring, dated Yokohama, Feb. 25, 1881, to order of Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation \$300, this day presented by and paid to Mechanic's Bank.....	300 00
Apr. 13, Cash paid Harrisburg National Bank for Harrisburg School Bond of \$100 at six per cent., investment of legacy of Adelaide R. Dechant.....	105 00
“ “ R. F. Kelker for wrapping paper, mucilage, postage stamps, expressage, principally expenses incident to mailing Mission House certificates.....	63 56
“ 21, Patriot Publishing Co., advertising application for charter.....	4 80
“ 28, T. F. Sheffer printing constitution, charter and petition to court, &c.....	9 00
“ “ Chas. H. Bergner, advertising application for charter..	4 80
April 26, H. M. Graydon, Esq., attorney fee, prothonotary's and Recorder's costs incident to obtaining and recording charter for the Board.....	13 50
May 4, By Cash paid traveling expenses of Board at meeting in Harrisburg, viz: Dr. Van Horne, \$4.50, Dr. Bausman, \$3.50, G. S. Griffith, \$5.00, Dr. Leinbach, \$2.25, Dr. Weiser, \$6.00, and Dr. Johnston, including incidental expenses incurred as secretary, \$20.00, in all	41 25
“ “ By Cash paid (per resolution of Board) this day to Rev. J. Bossard, Ph. D., to be paid by him to the treasurer of Sheboygan Classis, to be used in the support of the mission among the Indians, established by said Classis, \$400.00.....	400 00
1881.	
May 4, By Cash on deposit in Harrisburg National Bank, \$3,350.48.....	3,350 48
Total.....	\$ 21,075 18

Respectfully submitted,

RUDOLPH F. KELKER, *Treasurer.*

Harrisburg, Pa., May 4, 1881.

The above account of R. F. Kelker, Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church, was this day examined, audited, and approved, and found correct by the undersigned appointed for that purpose by the Board of Foreign Missions.

Witness our hands at Harrisburg, Pa., May 4, 1881.

CHAS. H. LEINBACH.

WM. H. SEIBERT.

Committee of Auditors.

IV. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The report of the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions submitted their report, which was received, and, together with the preceding reports, adopted ; and is as follows :

Your Committee on Foreign Missions would beg leave to report :

That the papers referred to them for their examination, were the reports of the President and Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions: From these reports we gather the interesting information that the Board, as at present constituted, held its first meeting for organization during the sessions of the last General Synod, at Lancaster. Since then they have carefully fulfilled the trust committed to them by the Church. Their most important work has been the election and appointment of a missionary to Japan, Rev. Ambrose D. Gring. This election took place at Harrisburg, on September 30, 1878. This brother having been solemnly ordained during the sessions of the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, at Easton, Pa., October 25, 1879, sailed from San Francisco in May, 1879, and is now settled at Tokio, the capital of Japan, where he is now earnestly prosecuting the study of the peculiar language of that country.

The Board, at the suggestion of their Missionary, have seen fit, in the exercise of their good judgment, to purchase a house, at the comparatively small cost of \$3,955.50, for the residence of Brother Gring, who took possession of it on June 28, 1880.

Your Committee rejoice to learn that the greater portion of this amount has been contributed by the Sunday-schools of the Church—the hearts of the children having become interested in this great work.

From the Treasurer's report we learn, that since July 10, 1878, to the day of the organization of the present General Synod, the sum of \$21,075.18, including a balance of \$5,296.39 in the hands of the former Treasurer, Thos. J. Craig, has been received. Of this amount, \$17,724.70 have been disbursed, leaving on deposit in Harrisburg National Bank the balance of \$3,350.48. As the Board is entirely dependent upon the free-will offerings of the friends of missions for the further prosecution of the work, your Committee would most earnestly commend the cause of Foreign Missions to the churches and Sunday-schools of our Zion.

We learn, furthermore, that a charter has been secured by the Board, and executed according to law by the Court of Common Pleas of Dauphin County, Pennsylvania. This charter provides that this Board shall henceforth be known as "The Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States."

Another cheering and interesting fact your Committee gathers from the reports in their hands, is that the attention of our people is being at length aroused to the importance of remembering this great work in their wills and bequests. In the Treasurer's report we have an item, dated April 2, 1880, of \$1,224.27, and another dated April 21, 1880, of \$326.47, of monies realized out of the legacy of Sarah Brinker, deceased, of Columbiana County, Ohio; and still another item of like kind, dated June 28, 1880, of \$100—legacy of Adelaide R. Dechant, deceased. These are hopeful signs, showing that the wants of the heathen are striking a sympathizing chord in the hearts of our people. May this be the beginning of a bright future in this department of Christian activity in our Church!

The Board suggests the propriety of setting apart a single young man to be an assistant to our Missionary in his foreign field. In the judgment of your Committee this suggestion is

worthy of the most serious consideration of this Synod, and we would recommend that prompt action be taken in the matter.

The Board recommends further that four ministers and two elders be elected by this Synod, for the term of six years, and a like number for the term of three years, as members of the Foreign Missionary Board. Your Committee would further suggest, in compliance with the wishes of the Board, that suitable anniversary services, in the interest of Foreign Missions, be held during the present sessions of the Synod.

The report of the Board also announces the fact of a donation of \$600, made by them to the Indian Missions, under the care of the Sheboygan Classis. In this connection, it may be a matter of interest to this Synod, to know that under the auspices of this Classis, a Missionary School was established in the month of December, 1878, by the Rev. Jacob Hauser, amongst the Winnebago Indians. This school is located seven miles northeast of Black River Falls, Jackson County, Wisconsin; it numbers at present twenty pupils, of both sexes, the average attendance on instructions, given four days of each week, is ten. In addition to this week-day school, a Sunday-school has been organized, which meets every Sunday morning. This Indian colony consists of thirty or forty families, who have each of them their homesteads, and are engaged in agricultural pursuits. The brother who performs this self-denying work, has informed your Committee that the prospects of this Indian Mission are encouraging, and that it is well worthy the support of the Christian Church. In summing up our report, we would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That this General Synod does hereby earnestly enjoin it upon the classes and pastors of the Church, to keep the matter of Foreign Missions constantly before the members of their charges and congregations, and suggests to them, whenever the opportunity offers, the propriety of remembering this interest in their wills.

Resolved, That this Synod authorize the Board of Foreign Missions to set apart a young man as assistant to our Foreign Missionary, so soon as in their judgment it may be expedient and possible.

Resolved, That this Synod has heard with pleasure of the interest taken by the Board in the Indian Mission of Sheboygan Classis.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Synod that a synopsis of the reports of Brother Gring should, from time to time, be published in the English and German papers of the Church, and thus brought to the notice of the members of the Church.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL G. WAGNER, *Chairman*.

V. ELECTION OF BOARDS OF MISSIONS.

1. *Board of Home Missions.*

Members whose term expires May, 1884.

Rev. Jacob Dahlman, D. D.	Rev. John M. Kendig.
“ Calvin U. Heilman.	Elder Christian M. Boush.
“ Frederick Pilgram.	“ Abraham Moyer.

Members whose term expires May, 1887.

Rev. Jacob O. Miller, D. D.	Rev. John H. Klein, D. D.
“ George Wolff, D. D.	Elder William D. Gross.
“ George W. Williard, D. D.	“ Charles Santee.

2. *Board of Foreign Missions.*

Members whose term expires May, 1884.

Rev. Thomas S. Johnston, D.D.	Rev. Charles H. Leinbach, D.D.
“ David Van Horne, D. D.	Elder William H. Seibert.
“ Joseph W. Santee, D. D.	“ George Gelbach.

Members whose term expires May, 1887.

Rev. Benjamin Bausman, D. D.	Rev. J. H. A. Bomberger, D. D.
“ Clement Z. Weiser, D. D.	Elder Rudolph F. Kelker.
“ Nicholas Gehr, D. D.	“ Goldsborough S. Griffith.

VI. THE BEQUEST OF MISS SARAH BRINKER.

The Committee on Minutes of General Synod, during Friday afternoon session, in item 8, reported that Rev. Dr. Geo. W. Williard had been appointed to attend to the matter of the bequest of Miss Sarah Brinker. The following report was received and adopted :

Your committee attended to the trust committed to its care, until the different Boards to which the bequest was made took the matter formally in hand. A good part of the bequest has already been paid over. Respectfully submitted.

GEO. W. WILLIARD.

ARTICLE XIV.

BENEVOLENT AND RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS.

I. ORPHAN HOMES.

1. *Report of Bethany Orphans' Home.*

Fathers and Brethren:—The undersigned, President of the Board of Managers of Bethany Orphans' Home, would respectfully lay before your reverend body the following statement:

This institution was started in a very humble way, in 1863, by a now sainted minister of the Reformed Church. He began with one orphan, in his own family. Although poor himself, his sole trust for help was in God. Help came. The number of orphans in his home increased. A property was secured for this purpose in Bridesburg, Philadelphia. Meanwhile the founder and his wife entered into rest. Others successively took their place. As Bridesburg was found to be unsuitably located, the Board bought its present property at Womelsdorf, Pa., in 1867. Although we started here without a dollar in hand, we have since then raised among the friends of the Home about \$45,000 toward its property, besides what was contributed toward its current expenses. The last payment of \$4,000 on the Home has recently been made, so that our property is now free from debt.

Our farm consists of some 86 acres, of which 72 acres are in a good arable condition. The proceeds of this help much in the maintenance of the large family. The health of the Home has been remarkably good. The whole number of our family has varied from 80 to 100; among all these, we have some years, not had a single case of serious illness. During our fourteen years at Womelsdorf we have had only two deaths among the inmates. We now have 65 orphans. These are taught by two lady teachers, one of whom has been educated

and trained in the Home. All the orphans are taught both the English and German languages, and read the Scriptures, sing and pray in both. The boys are trained to work on the farm; indeed, under an overseer, do all the farm work. The girls are trained to do housework, so that we now need little hired help in this department. The Board aims to find Christian homes in private families for as many orphans as possible, as by this means we shall be able to provide for a much larger number. As nearly all the applications are for girls, we find a difficulty in procuring suitable homes for boys. Especially is it difficult to teach the older boys trades, inasmuch as very few mechanics consent to take apprentices. We appeal to benevolent Christian families of sufficient means to take charge of and train one of Christ's homeless ones. For amid the hallowing surroundings of a private home, *one* orphan can be more effectually moulded for Christ than where fifty or one hundred are together in an institution of this kind. If the families of our Church will co-operate with the Orphans' Homes in this direction, we can provide for the maintenance and training of all our destitute orphans.

The Superintendent of our Home is also its pastor. Although numerically never very large, the Home congregation is prospering. Besides being instructed in the Sunday-school, they are also thoroughly instructed in the Heidelberg Catechism, and on almost every Easter season a number of the orphans are confirmed, at their own request. With great self-denial they give liberally of the little means which friends may give them to the cause of Christ. As a rule, their general behavior is better than it has been at any previous period. Since it was founded about 330 orphans have been connected with the Home, of whom 137 were confirmed. Some of our former inmates have thus far shown themselves worthy of the nurturing kindness bestowed upon them. Two are talented and useful ministers in the Reformed Church, a number are teaching school, and making themselves useful as clerks, mechanics and in more humble spheres of labor. Some, alas, have fallen away from the good beginnings made here.

It affords us pleasure to report that the Home has, during its history, received a number of legacies, varying from the contents of the little savings-box of a sainted child to the sum of \$5,000, left by a wealthy member of one of our Philadelphia churches. There is a pious propriety in remembering the fatherless children in one's will. In that solemn written wish, which we begin with, "In the Name of God, Amen," whose provisions are to be executed after we have gone to our last account, we do well in classing *those* among our heirs of whose deserving dependence God in His Holy Word speaks with such paternal tenderness and kindness, to whom is classed among the graces of "pure and undefiled religion."

Bethany Orphans' Home belongs to the whole Reformed Church. It is yours, brethren, as well as ours. And yet, as its managers, we wish, through this body, to thank the whole Church for all the kindness bestowed on this institution. With us, as with you, this is a labor of love. And whilst we now and then meet with unpleasant experiences, these are more than compensated by the uninterrupted and marked favor of God, and the hearty co-operation and sympathy of God's people. We have house-room, but not the means of support, for three times the number at present in the Home. The Board appeals to all good people to give us more means, in order that we may fill up our Home; we appeal to Christian families to adopt an orphan child and train it up for Christ; we appeal to Christian mechanics to take our orphan-boys as apprentices and teach them useful trades; we appeal to pastors and people for their prayers to God, that He may grant the spirit of adoption to all our orphans, so that, although without an earthly father, they may be made the children of our heavenly Father, and heirs of an undying, eternal inheritance.

BENJAMIN BAUSMAN, *President*.

DANIEL B. ALBRIGHT, *Superintendent*.

2. *Report of St. Paul's Orphans' Home.*

Dear Brethren in the Lord:—St. Paul's Orphans' Home, located at Butler, Pennsylvania, was founded in 1868. It has thirty acres of good arable land, in a good state of cultivation,

with fencing and out-buildings in good repair. The main building and wing, constructed of brick, are in good condition. The extension of the main wing is a wooden structure, much decayed, and endangers the whole property, and should at once be replaced by a larger brick structure, at an expense of about \$1,500.00

The Home farm is fully supplied with all the stock and farming implements needed in its cultivation. The produce yielded last summer amounted to \$750.00 in value.

The Board erected last summer a new two-story frame building, at a cost of \$700.00. The upper floor is occupied by the school; the lower is used for bath, wash, baking and storage rooms.

The average number of children provided for by the Home annually — fed, clothed, schooled, and taught to work — is about 40. All the children, with but a few exceptions, thus far graduated from the Home, have become good, industrious, Christian citizens.

The Board regrets to have to say that a goodly number of wholly destitute orphans, must, each year, be refused admission, because the means for their support are wanting, and earnestly prays for larger offerings from those who love the Lord in aid of so noble a charity—the feeding of Christ's lambs. The superintendent, realizing the greatness of the work committed to his care, asks for the prayers of the whole Church. Respectfully submitted in behalf of the Board.

JOHN McCONNELL, *President*.

II. *Report of Committee on Orphans' Homes.*

The Standing Committee on Orphans' Homes presented their report, which was received, and, as amended, adopted :

Your Committee on Orphans' Homes have carefully examined the papers referred to them. The reports of the Boards of Bethany and St. Paul's Homes give a full and clear statement of their present conditions and needs. Your Committee deems it necessary to do more than simply to direct attention to said reports.

In response to the action of the General Synod at Lancaster, requesting the Western Synods to establish a Home within

their territory, the Synod of Ohio has more fully entered into co-operation with the Synod of Pittsburg in support of St. Paul's, at Butler, Pennsylvania; and the Synod of the Northwest, at its annual meeting at Galion, Ohio, created a Board of Orphans' Homes, looking to the establishment of a Home within its bounds. This Board has already fallen heir to a legacy of several thousand dollars, to become available after the death of the testator's widow. This Synod has good cause, to rejoice at the progress already made in this department of its work of charity. The blessings of the Father of the fatherless is so certain to rest upon efforts in behalf of his lone little ones, that no one need doubt his will and our duty in this direction.

Your Committee submit the following resolutions for your consideration.

Resolved, That this Synod acknowledges with devout gratitude the blessings which Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has vouchsafed to our Orphan Homes in the past.

Resolved, That, commending anew the orphans of the Church to the Shepherd of the fold, this Synod earnestly requests the synods and classes to take such action as may be deemed best to establish orphan homes where necessary, to enlarge the operations of those already in existence, and to promote the spirit of almsgiving in behalf of this noble work on the part of the congregations and Sunday-schools under their care.

We also direct the attention of Synod to the fact that no report has been received from the General Synod's Board of Directors at this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN G. NOSS, *Chairman*.

III. ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ORPHAN HOMES.

Members whose term expires May, 1884.

Rev. George B. Russell, D. D., and Elder William D. Gross.

Member whose term expires May, 1887.

Elder Wm. F. Hoffman.

Members whose term expires May, 1890.

Rev. Charles F. McCauley, D. D., and Elder Andrew H. Baughman.

ARTICLE XV.
SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Nothing reported nor occurred claiming Synod's attention.

ARTICLE XVI.
APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

Nothing occurred requiring the attention of Synod.

ARTICLE XVII.
COMPLAINTS.

Nothing occurred requiring the attention of Synod.

ARTICLE XVIII.
CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

THE RESULT OF THE PEACE MOVEMENT.

The Committee on Minutes of General Synod during the morning session of the third day (Friday) of the sessions, reported in item 17, that the last General Synod had ordered the appointment of a Commission, by the several District Synods, with the view of considering the matters in controversy within the Church and of devising a plan of amicable adjustment, and report to this Synod.

Thereupon, the Peace Commission, through the chairman, Rev. Clement Z. Weiser, D. D., submitted their report, which, proposing a basis of amicable adjustment, was received and put on its adoption. After some discussion the report was unanimously adopted by a rising vote, and is as follows :

Report of the Peace Commission.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States :

FATHERS AND BROTHERS IN THE LORD:—The Commission authorized by the action of the General Synod at Lancaster Pennsylvania, A. D., 1873, and constituted by the concurrent

act of the six District Synods, in the spirit and interest of the original action, met and organized in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, on the 26th day of November, A. D., one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine, as directed :

The weighty matters entrusted to its solemn and prayerful deliberation by the Church, were considered during the period of eight days; and after having arrived at a unanimous result, under the manifest guidance of the Spirit of Truth, the Commission adjourned.

Your Commissioners, in now most respectfully reporting their action to your reverend body for adoption, venture to express the hope that a like unanimity may characterize its endorsement of the same, as a basis to a solid and enduring peace.

In order to the restoration and maintenance of "the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, as one body and one Spirit, even as we are called in one hope of our calling, one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all and in all," (Eph., IV., 3-6,) "it seemed good unto us, being assembled with one accord," (Acts, XV., 55,) in the light vouchsafed to us of God, to subscribe to the following :

I. *Doctrine.*

The Reformed Church in the United States unites in the confession of her adherence to the doctrines of the Holy Scriptures as set forth in the Heidelberg Catechism, taking the same in its historical (or original) sense; and declares that any departure from the same is unauthorized by the Church; and renewedly directs all her ministers, editors and teachers of theology, "faithfully to preach and defend the same."

This action is not to be so construed as to forbid, or interfere with, that (degree of) freedom in Scriptural and theological investigation which has always been enjoyed in the Reformed Church.

In presenting the above as a basis for peace in the Church, we are not unmindful of the fact that more than this might be expected. We believe that the theological contest that has gone forward in our Church for over a quarter of a century, with earnestness and zeal, has resulted, now that it has sub-

stantially come to a close as we hope, in bringing the Church to a deeper apprehension of the truth. It would seem proper therefore, that an attempt should be made to summarize, in some general way, this result. We, therefore, submit the following, as embodying certain points on which this Commission is able to harmonize, and thus contribute towards a substantial agreement throughout the whole Church in the peace period upon which we are now entering :

I. We recognize in Jesus Christ and His sacrifice for fallen man, the foundation and source of our whole salvation.

II. We hold that the Christian life is begotten in us by the Word of God, which is ever living, and carries in itself the power to quicken faith and love in the heart, through the Holy Ghost.

III. We do not regard the visible church as commensurate and identical with the invisible church, according to the Roman theory, nor do we think that in this world the invisible church can be separated from the visible, according to the theory of Pietism and false Spiritualism ; but while we do not identify them, we do not in our views, separate them.

IV. We hold that in the use of the holy sacraments the grace signified by the outward signs is imparted to those who truly believe, but that those who come to these holy sacraments without faith, receive only the outward elements unto condemnation.

V. We have come to a clearer apprehension of the fact that the Christian life is something broader and deeper than its manifestations in conscious experience.

VI. We hold the doctrine of justification through true faith in Jesus Christ, according to which only the satisfaction, holiness and righteousness of Christ is our righteousness before God, and that we can not receive and apply the same to ourselves in any other way than by faith only.

VII. We hold the doctrine of the ministerial office, according to which the ministers of the Church are not lords of faith but servants, messengers, heralds, watchmen of Christ, co-workers with God, preachers of the Word, and stewards of the mysteries of God.

VIII. We hold the doctrine of the universal priesthood of believers over against all Romanizing tendencies to priestly

power, while we also assert the proper recognition of the ministerial office in the Church of Christ.

IX. We affirm our confidence in the truth of Protestantism over against the errors of Rome on the one hand, and against the errors of rationalism and infidelity on the other.

X. All philosophical and theological speculations (in the Church) should be held in humble submission to the Word of God, which, with its heavenly light, should illumine and guide the operations and researches of reason.

II. *Cultus.*

With reference to Cultus, we recommend to the General Synod, at its next regular meeting, the inauguration of measures for the formation of a committee properly representing the different Synods and the various theological tendencies existing in the Church, whose duty it shall be to prepare an Order of Worship, containing such offices as may be required for the services of the Church, the said committee to report the result of its labors, as soon as their magnitude and importance will allow, to the General Synod for approval and adoption, as required by the Constitution of the Reformed Church in the United States.

And we recommend further, that, pending the adoption of such Order of Worship, the various Liturgies now in use in the Church be allowed in public worship, provided none of them be hereafter introduced into any congregation without the consent of a majority of its communicant members, nor when, (in the judgment of the Pastor and Consistory,) such introduction would be injurious to the best interests of the congregation; and that, until the Church shall adopt a new hymn-book for the use of all its congregations, any of the hymn-books now approved by one or more of the District Synods, may be used by any particular congregation in public worship.

III. *Government.*

With reference to Government we recommend :

1. That all the judicatories of the Church be requested, in the appointment of their Boards and Committees, to pay regard only to fitness for the position.

2. That the General Synod, as soon as it sees its way clear

and the general peace and quietude of the Church sufficiently established, take the proper steps for a thorough revision of its Constitution, Rules, and By-Laws, in order :

(a.) To create a more perfect organic relation between the different judicatories of the Church completing themselves in their head, the General Synod.

(b.) To provide for a supervision by the General Synod over all the theological institutions of the Church, by the appointment of a duly authorized Committee or Board of Visitors, empowered at any time, when deemed necessary, to examine into the doctrine, cultus, and management of said institutions, and to report to each session of the General Synod ; said Board of Visitors, however, not to interfere with any arrangement or authority of the respective District Synods, or their boards or committees.

(c.) To provide some mode by which all cases of appeal, involving only facts and individual disputes, shall be excluded from the General Synod, so that such only as relate to controversies on doctrine, cultus, and constitutional construction may be brought for a final hearing before that body.

And we recommend further, that the General Synod be requested to direct the attention of the Church at large to the importance of an undivided effort for her extension, and to engage diligently and zealously in the work of Missions, looking forward to a more concentrated and co-operative action in that direction in the future.

In testimony whereof we, the Commissioners, representing the different Synods of the Reformed Church in the United States, hereunto subscribe our names, at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, this third day of December, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine.

<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Elders.</i>	<i>Synods.</i>
CLEMENT Z. WEISER,	DANIEL W. GROSS,	} Synod in the United States.
THOMAS G. APPLE,	WILLIAM H. SEIBERT,	
FRANKLIN W. KREMER,	RUDOLPH F. KELKER,	
JEREMIAH H. GOOD,	ANDREW H. BAUGHMAN,	} Synod of Ohio.
LEWIS H. KEFAUVER,	BENJAMIN KUHN,	
HERMAN J. RUETENIK,	FREDERICK W. SCHEELE,	} Synod of the Northwest.
PETER GREDING,	HENRY TONS,	

JOHN M. TITZEL,	CHRISTIAN M. BOUSH,	} Synod of Pittsburg.
JOSEPH H. APPLE,	THOMAS J. CRAIG,	
SAMUEL N. CALLENDER,	HENRY WIRT,	} Synod of the Potomac.
G. WILLIAM WELKER,	LEWIS H. STEINER,	
JOHN KUELLING,	WILLIAM D. GROSS,	} German Syn- of the East.

Immediately after the adoption of the report of the Peace Commission, the Synod, with mingled feelings of solemnity and joy, united in singing the doxology, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," and joined in special prayer, led by Rev. Benjamin Bausman, D. D. The Synod then took a recess until three o'clock in the afternoon.

Soon after the opening of Synod in the afternoon on Friday, with the view of completing the previous action, on motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of seven be appointed to report such further action as is called for by the adoption of the report of the Peace Commission.

The Committee consists of Revs. Benj. Bausman, D. D., John H. A. Bomberger, D. D., Nicholas Gehr, D. D., Isaac G. Brown, Jacob F. Snyder, Elders Ephraim K. Kremer and Henry Hilgeman.

The consideration of the report of this Committee was made the order of the day for Monday morning at eleven o'clock. At the appointed time the Committee presented their report, which was received, discussed and adopted. The report is as follows:

Your Committee appointed to report such further action as is called for in the report of the Peace Commission, beg leave to submit the following:

WHEREAS, There is abundant material at hand for the preparation of a Liturgy or Directory of Worship, suitable to the demands of the case and the wants of the Church; and

WHEREAS, For obvious reasons suggested in part by the terms of peace adopted by this General Synod, it is very desirable that the wants be as speedily provided for as possible; therefore,

Resolved, That this General Synod appoint the members of the Peace Commission a committee, and that this committee be directed to enter at once upon the work here assigned, and if practicable to complete it within one year; and when completed to report the fact to the President of the Synod, who shall be authorized to convene it in special session for the purpose of receiving and acting upon the proposed new Liturgy.

Resolved, That during the interval it be most earnestly commended that in the use of any existing liturgies, as allowed by the Peace report, all pastors and congregations have prudent regard to the spirit and tenor of the Peace compact.

Resolved, That this Synod also appoint a committee whose duty it shall be to provide a Hymn-Book for the use of the whole-English portion of the Church, in order to secure the desired harmony and uniformity in this respect; and that this committee be instructed to complete its work, and report no later than by the next triennial meeting of the General Synod.

Under the section of the report concerning church-polity, the following is proposed :

Resolved, That inasmuch as the committee has understood that a revised constitution, covering the several special points here named, will be submitted to this Synod, no further action on this topic is deemed necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJAMIN BAUSMAN,

J. H. A. BOMBERGER,

NICHOLAS GEHR,

ISAAC G. BROWN,

JACOB F. SNYDER,

EPHRAIM K. KREMER,

HENRY HILGEMAN,

Committee.

On motion, in regard to the requirement in the *third* resolution of the foregoing report, having reference to the English Hymn-Book Committee, the following action was adopted :

Resolved, That this item be referred to a special committee.

Resolved, That this committee shall consist of six members, and that they put in nomination a double number of candidates.

The committee consists of Revs. Daniel F. Brendle, J. Huston Bomberger, Francis A. Edmonds, Aug. E. F. Shade, Elders Wm. D. Gross, and Ezra Williard. This Committee, during the afternoon session on Tuesday, through their chairman, Rev. Daniel F. Brendle, submitted their report, which was received, and, as amended, adopted. The election of the English Hymn-Book Committee was made the order of the day for Wednesday morning at ten o'clock, and the stated clerk was instructed to have a sufficient number of the nominations printed for the use of Synod. At the appointed time the election was held. Revs. Darius W. Gerhard, Michael Loucks, Alfred Houtz, and Elder John Bowman were appointed tellers, who received and counted the ballots, and subsequently reported that the following persons were elected as

The English Hymn-Book Committee :

Rev. Benjamin Bausman, D. D.	Rev. J H. A. Bomberger, D. D.
“ Jeremiah H. Good, D. D.	“ David Van Horne, D. D.
“ Clement Z. Weiser, D. D.	Elder Lewis H. Steiner, M. D.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION ADOPTED.

The Committee on Minutes of General Synod, in item 12, reported during Saturday afternoon session that certain amendments to the Constitution of the Church had been sent down to the classes for adoption or rejection.

The Committee on Official Reports of English Classes, during Tuesday afternoon session, reported in item 1 that certain classes had taken action in regard to the proposed amendments of the Constitution.

And during the morning session of the last day (Wednesday) of the sessions, the Committee on Official Reports of German Classes, in items 3 and 11, reported that certain classes had taken action respecting the proposed amendments to the Constitution.

Thereupon, on motion, the whole matter relating to the offi-

cial action of the several classes on said amendments to the Constitution, with the view of securing a definite knowledge of the facts in the case, was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. Nero S. Strassburger, Francis S. Lindaman, and Elder John F. Orth. This committee, during the afternoon session of the last day of the sessions, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted :

The Committee appointed to ascertain whether or not the constitutional number of classes has adopted the proposed amendments to the Constitution sent down to them by the last General Synod, begs to report :

That official reports of only thirty-one classes—twenty English and eleven German—were received. The General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States contains at present forty-eight classes. Seventeen classes, therefore, failed to report to this Synod. From the reports received we obtain the following facts in regard to the proposed amendments to the Constitution :

Thirty classes adopted and one classis rejected the amendment to Article XXX.

Twenty-two classes adopted and eight classes rejected the amendment to Article L.

Thirty-one classes adopted the amendment to Articles LI., LXL, LXVII., and C.

Thirty classes adopted and one classis rejected the amendment to Article LXXX.

Twenty-nine classes adopted and one classis rejected the amendment to Article LXXXI.

If the seventeen delinquent classes are counted, all the proposed amendments to the Constitution are adopted ; if, however, they are not counted, then the said amendments are not adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

N. S. STRASSBURGER.

FRANCIS S. LINDAMAN.

JOHN F. ORTH.

Committee.

Then the president of the General Synod officially declared that the proposed amendments to the Constitution of the Reformed Church in the United States were constitutionally adopted.

REPORT ON THE REVISION OF THE CONSTITUTION.

The committee on the revision of the constitution of the Reformed Church in the United States, referred to in item 14, in the report of the committee on Minutes of General Synod, submitted their report during the morning session of the last day of the sessions. The report was received and adopted, and is as follows :

The committee appointed at the meeting of the General Synod at Fort Wayne, Indiana, in 1875, to revise the constitution of the Church, respectfully present this their second report :

At the Synod at Lancaster, Pa., in 1878, the committee contented themselves with submitting a few amendments, which were deemed necessary, together with an additional part to the constitution, providing a Court of Appeals. A number of the former were approved and sent down to the classes for adoption or rejection. The latter was laid over for consideration at the present triennial sessions. Since the last triennial sessions of the Synod, the condition of things has so changed in the Church, that the committee have not only been encouraged but have also felt it their duty to complete the important work which has been assigned them. They accordingly have drafted with great care a revised constitution, based on the principles laid down by the Peace Commission, which they all along conceived to be the only basis on which a constitution must be drafted, which shall fully meet the spirit and wants of the Church, and add greatly to its strength, and insure its future peace and prosperity.

The proposed constitution is formulated after the order suggested by the Synod itself at its meeting in Dayton, Ohio, in 1866. As it is a considerable advance upon any constitution

heretofore in force in the Church, it will, should it be adopted, require considerable time to bring the Church fully up to the measure of its requirements, as was the case with the constitution now in force, and which was first adopted in the year of our Lord 1846. In order to reach this end also, a proper degree of mutual forbearance must be exercised. A sufficient number of copies of the proposed constitution has been printed for distribution among the members of Synod, so as to afford them an opportunity for personal examination.

The committee would simply further add, that in their judgment, should the proposed constitution be adopted, there will be no necessity for the additional chapter proposed at the last triennial session, creating a Court of Appeals.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL R. FISHER, *Chairman.*

In consequence of the serious illness of Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D. D., the committee adopted the following:

We recommend that the General Synod order this draft to be printed in full in the Minutes of Synod, and that synods and classes be requested to give the same a careful examination and consideration, and also to give an expression of their opinion with respect especially to the following important proposed changes in our practical government, namely: (1.) Annual sessions of the General Synod. (2.) Election of delegates by synods instead of classis. (3.) Concentration of church work on Boards appointed by the General Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

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WM. D. GROSS.

Committee.

CONSTITUTION.

For the maintenance of good order in the household of God, this Constitution, with its appended Special Laws, is ordained by the Reformed Church in the United States, as its fundamental Law in Doctrine, in Government, and in Cultus, and is of binding authority upon all its Courts, Congregations, and Members.

CHAPTER FIRST.

OFFICES IN THE CHURCH.

Article 1. The offices of the Reformed Church are four :

1. The office of Minister of the Word.
2. The office of Teacher of Theology.
3. The office of Elder.
4. The office of Deacon.

Article 2. A Minister of the Word is one who has been called of Christ, and ordained to this holy office by the laying on of hands, whose duty it is to preach the gospel, administer the sacraments, instruct the young, perform pastoral visitation, and, in connection with the Elders, exercise Christian discipline in the charge over which he has been placed as pastor; or to perform such other duties in the service of the church as may be assigned him by the proper authorities.

Article 3. A Teacher of Theology is one who has been chosen to a professorship in a Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church, and solemnly set apart to this office, according to the established order of the Church, and whose duty it is, in conjunction with his associated teachers, to train young men for the work of the holy ministry.

Article 4. An Elder is one who has been duly elected to that office by a congregation, and solemnly invested with it by the laying on of hands. It is his duty to take part with the Minister of the Word, in the government and service of the Church.

Article 5. A Deacon is one who has been duly elected to that office by a congregation, and solemnly invested with it by the laying on of hands. It is his duty to collect and distribute the alms and other offerings of the people, and to aid the Minister and Elders in administering the general affairs of the congregation.

CHAPTER SECOND.

CONGREGATIONS.

Article 6. Every body of Christians receiving the Heidelberg Catechism as its doctrinal standard, and organized according to the provisions of this Constitution, and the Special Laws made in pursuance thereof, constitutes a congregation of the Reformed Church.

CHAPTER THIRD.

CHURCH MEMBERS.

Article 7. All persons who have been duly received into full membership by the proper Church Court, according to the order of the Church, are recognized as church members, and entitled to all the rights and privileges of the Church of Christ, and can be deprived of the same only by due course of discipline.

CHAPTER FOURTH.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Article 8. The Church Courts are four in number :

1. The Consistory, including the Spiritual Council.
2. The Classis.
3. The Synod.
4. The General Synod.

Article 9. The Consistory consists of the Minister or Ministers, the Elders, and the Deacons of a congregation, to whom is intrusted the administration of its affairs. The minister and elders alone constitute the *Spiritual Council*, to which is exclusively committed the supervision of the spiritual affairs of the congregation.

Article 10. The Classis consists of the Ministers and the delegated Elders of the pastoral charges within a certain dis-

trict, designated by the Synod, and such literary and theological professors as may be assigned them by the synods from whom they have received their appointment, and to it is intrusted the supervision of the labors and deportment of its Ministers, and of the affairs of the congregations within its bounds, including the work of the Consistories, and the deportment of their members.

Article 11. The Synod consists of the Ministers and the Elders delegated by the congregations of the several Classes within a certain district, designated by the General Synod, in case it meets in general convention, but of the Ministers and Elders delegated by the Classes constituting it, in case it meets as a delegated body, and to it is intrusted the supervision of the affairs of the Classes within its bounds.

Article 12. The General Synod represents the whole Church, and is composed of Ministers and Elders delegated by the Synods. It is the highest Church Court, and the last resort in all cases relating to the Government, Doctrine, Cultus, and Discipline of the Church. It shall be known by the title of "*The General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.*"

CHAPTER FIFTH.

DOCTRINE.

Article 13. The Holy Scriptures of the Old and the New Testaments, which are called canonical, being recognized as genuine and inspired, are received as the true and proper Word of God and the ultimate rule and measure of the whole Christian faith. The only book received as an authoritative expression of the truths taught in the Holy Scriptures, and acknowledged as the standard of doctrine in the Reformed Church, is the Heidelberg Catechism.

CHAPTER SIXTH.

CULTUS.

Article 14. The Sacraments of the Church, according to the institution of Christ, are two: Holy Baptism, and the Lord's Supper.

Article 15. Confirmation, Ordination, Marriage and Burial are solemn Church Rites, to be sacredly observed in our congregations.

Article 16. The order of worship in the Reformed Church is such as is ordained by the Church authorities.

CHAPTER SEVENTH.

DISCIPLINE.

Article 17. Christian Discipline is the exercise of the authority, and the application of those laws, which the Lord Jesus Christ has established in his Church, with a view to preserve its purity and honor, and to promote the good of its members, either through amendment or exclusion of unworthy members and ministers. All Christian Discipline, therefore, is spiritual; and nothing shall be admitted as matter of accusation or considered an offense which can not be proved to be such from the Scriptures, or the regulations of the Church founded on the Scriptures.

CHAPTER EIGHTH,

SPECIAL LAWS AND AMENDMENTS.

Article 18. Such Special Laws shall be appended to this Constitution and form an integral part thereof, as may be necessary to carry out more fully the general principles here laid down, and shall be of binding authority in the whole Church, and capable of addition or amendment, only by a majority vote of the General Synod at an annual meeting, concurred in by two thirds of the Classes.

Article 19. This Constitution itself shall not be altered or amended in any article, except by a two-third vote of the General Synod at an annual meeting, with the concurrence of two thirds of the Classes voting thereupon. Those Classes omitting or declining to vote thereupon, or upon any proposed amendment or addition to the Special Laws, are not to be counted in making up the result.

SPECIAL LAWS.

PART FIRST.

OFFICES IN THE CHURCH.

SECTION 1.—CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY.

Article 1. Every candidate for the ministry must place himself under the care of some Classis, and pursue his course of theological study at an accredited theological institution of the Church, unless specially excused therefrom by a two-third vote of the Classis. In order to become a candidate for the ministry, every person must furnish the Classis to which he makes application to be taken under its care, with a certificate signed by his pastor, or by some other accredited minister, in case the charge to which he belongs be vacant, and four members of the Reformed Church, certifying to his good and regular standing in the Church; to his attachment to its doctrines, discipline and worship; and state that, in the opinion of those giving the certificate, he possesses such qualifications as to piety, honesty, and capacity, as to render him apt and meet to receive the office of the ministry to the glory of God and the edifying of the Church. Upon the reception of such certificate, the Classis shall institute a personal examination as to his motives in seeking the Christian ministry, and evidences of piety and ability; and if the result be satisfactory, he shall be taken under its care as a candidate for the ministry, and it shall exercise a proper supervision over his studies and Christian deportment.

Article 2. Every candidate for the ministry must maintain a walk and conversation worthy of one looking forward to the holy office to which he aspires, and shall annually furnish the Classis under whose care he stands, a written report of his progress in his studies. He shall also render due obedience to all the requirements of the Church.

Article 3. A candidate for the ministry can not perform ministerial functions. He may, during his senior year in the

Theological Seminary, with the consent of the Faculty of the Seminary, occasionally preach to a congregation, when invited to do so by the pastor, or, in case of a vacancy, by those who have the control of the pulpit.

SECTION 2.—LICENTIATES.

Article 4. A Licentiate is a candidate for the ministry, who has passed a satisfactory examination before the Classis, and has been authorized to preach the Gospel, with permission to accept a call to a pastoral charge or missionary field.

Article 5. Whenever a candidate for the ministry desires to submit to an examination, with a view to licensure, he shall present a written request to that effect, accompanied with a certificate of honorable dismissal from the Theological Seminary and a recommendation for licensure by the Board of Visitors, to the Classis under whose supervision he stands at the time of closing his theological course of studies, or to any other Classis, which that Classis shall duly authorize to perform such service in its stead. Every such examination, when not held in the presence of the Classis, shall be open to any member of Classis who may desire to attend, and it shall embrace all the subjects taught in the Theological Seminary at which he pursued his theological studies. Very particular attention shall be paid to his piety, the purity of his intentions in seeking the ministry, his orthodoxy, and his ability to teach. The recorded report of such examination shall not enter into particulars, but simply state the result as satisfactory or unsatisfactory.

Article 6. In extraordinary cases, and for good reasons, applicants for licensure may be admitted to the ministry, who have not gone through the full course of study prescribed for the Theological Seminary; but, in all such cases, a unanimous vote of the Classis is required to authorize the license.

Article 7. The examination of the applicant having been sustained, he shall then be required, after an appropriate charge to him from the President, to subscribe the following Formula in the presence of the Classis, in a book kept for that purpose, and in charge of the Stated Clerk:

“We, the undersigned, hereby testify, that we honestly and

truly hold the doctrines of the Heidelberg Catechism to be the doctrines of the Holy Scriptures, and promise, moreover, faithfully to preach and defend the same. We also declare and promise, that we will carefully observe and comply with all the ordinances which are now, or may be hereafter, adopted by the authorities of the Church; and also that we will cheerfully and readily receive and submit to all their admonitions and decisions, when constitutionally expressed, so long as we remain in connection with the Reformed Church."

The applicant, whose examination has been sustained, shall, upon his subscribing the foregoing Formula, be entitled to a Certificate of Licensure, signed by the President and Secretary of the Classis, before which his examination was held, with the seal of Classis attached.

Article 8. A Licentiate is permitted only to preach the Word: and shall not, under any circumstances, administer the sacraments, perform the rite of confirmation, pronounce the benediction, or solemnize marriage. He is under the care and jurisdiction of the Classis that licensed him, or to which he may have been regularly transferred. He must attend its meetings and give to it a report of his labors, but has no vote in Classis, nor can he represent it in a higher judicatory. The Classis, having a Licentiate under its care and jurisdiction, may, for cause by it deemed sufficient, though not involving the moral character of the Licentiate, such as failing after a lapse of four years to attain to a position entitling him to ordination, and the development of a want of adaptation to the requirements of the Christian Ministry, revoke his license at any regular meeting, by a two-third vote of the members present.

Article 9. When a Licentiate has received a call to a pastoral charge, or has been appointed to a mission, he shall present the evidences of the fact to the Classis, which shall thereupon, there appearing to be no obstacles in the way, proceed to ordain him to the ministry. Every person thus ordained shall accept the call or appointment, in view of which he was ordained; and no person shall be admitted to ordination, who has not attained the age of twenty-one years.

Article 10. A Licentiate, who purposes entering upon a missionary field on his own responsibility, or desires to labor among congregations for the purpose of forming a new charge; or one who has been a faithful Licentiate for a term of at least three years, and has been called to a professorship in an authorized Theological or Literary institution of the Church, may be ordained to the ministry by the Classis under whose care he stands.

Article 11. Licentiates from other ecclesiastical bodies can not be received as such, but must be examined in the same manner as other candidates for the ministry.

SECTION 3.—MINISTERS OF THE WORD.

Article 12. No Licentiate or Minister shall be permitted to go from place to place and preach at his discretion; nor shall any one preach or perform ministerial acts in a congregation, without the consent of the pastor. He is permitted to visit and preach at his discretion only in such vacant congregations, as may tender him an invitation to that effect through the properly constituted authorities.

Article 13. A minister from an ecclesiastical body, whose doctrine and worship are in general harmony with those of the Reformed Church, can be received as such by a two-third vote of the Classis, upon presenting a regular certificate of dismissal and subscribing the formula prescribed for Licentiates. Those from other ecclesiastical bodies must first submit to an examination as to their orthodoxy and purity of intentions, and if the result be satisfactory, may also be admitted to a full connection with the Church, by a two-third vote of the Classis, upon their signing the formula prescribed for Licentiates.

A minister from a foreign country must undergo a probation of at least two years, before he can be admitted to full connection with the Classis, or become pastor of a charge. He may be taken under the care of Classis, and permitted, under the care and direction of Classis, to supply a charge, which may desire such service from him.

Article 14. A minister, once lawfully called and solemnly ordained to this office, is bound to continue in the service of

the sanctuary as long as he lives. He is, therefore, not permitted to devote himself to a secular calling, unless there be causes of very peculiar importance for so doing, concerning which the Classis shall be the judge. A call to labor in the educational or any other direct service of the Church, shall not be regarded as a secular vocation.

Article 15. When a minister is compelled by age, infirmity, or long service, to retire from the active duties of the ministry, he still retains a seat and vote in his Classis and the Synods, and the right to perform ministerial acts within the restrictions laid upon ministers without a pastoral charge.

SECTION 4.—PASTORS.

Article 16. A Licentiate or Minister, who receives a regular call to a pastoral charge, shall, before removing into the charge present the same to the Classis and signify his willingness to accept it; and if found in order, the Classis shall confirm it and provide for his installation as pastor. In the case of Licentiates, the acts of ordination and installation may take place at the same time. No call, however, shall be confirmed, unless the Classis be satisfied that proper provision has therein been made for the support of the pastor; nor shall any minister be installed over a congregation as pastor, which is not in regular connection with the Classis, and does not recognize its subjection to the Constitution and Laws of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Article 17. Every pastor, in addition to his specific duties as a pastor, shall keep a complete Church Register, according to the forms prescribed for such purpose, by the General Synod, of all baptisms, confirmations, communicants, receptions by certificate, dismissions, suspensions, excommunications, marriages, and deaths, in a book provided for the purpose, which shall be a part of the records of the congregation.

Article 18. Whenever a pastor desires to resign his charge, he shall give notice in writing of his intention to the President of the Classis, and also to the Consistory, or joint Consistory of his charge, at least three months previous to the time when

the resignation shall go into effect, if possible; but his resignation shall not take effect unless confirmed by the Classis. No minister can accept a call from another charge, until his resignation has been confirmed by the Classis, nor shall a pastoral relation be dissolved, unless all arrearages to the pastor are paid, or arrangements have been made for their payment such as the Classis shall deem satisfactory.

SECTION 5.—TEACHERS OF THEOLOGY.

Article 19. Teachers of Theology, in discharge of the duties of their office; shall explain the Holy Scriptures and defend the pure doctrine of the Gospel against errors. In their instructions to theological students, it shall be their principal aim to make them well acquainted with the true sense of the sacred Scriptures and to prepare them to preach the truths of the Gospel with true power and effect; in which service they are required to provide, in their different departments, for the instruction of the students under their care, in Exegetical, Historical, Dogmatical, and Pratical Theology.

Article 20. As it is of the utmost importance that Teachers of Theology be sound in the faith, have the requisite ability to teach, and possess the confidence of the Church, they shall, for the greater security, always be chosen by a vote of two-thirds of the Synod or Synods jointly, under whose direct supervision the Theological Seminary, in whose service they are to labor, is sustained; and their election also shall not be final until it has been confirmed by a two-third vote of the General Synod. One or more days shall intervene between the time of making the nomination or nominations, and holding the election. A Teacher of Theology continues in office during his life, unless he becomes disqualified for its duties by falling into heterodoxy or vice, or by physical or mental infirmities. In such cases the Synod or Synods jointly, having control of the institution in which he is a Teacher of Theology, shall, upon their attention being formally directed thereto by the Board of Visitors, to whose supervision the internal matters of the Seminary are committed, institute an investigation, and after mature inquiry

and attention to all the circumstances of the case, decide as the honor of religion, the welfare of the Church, and justice toward the Teacher of Theology, shall require ; subject, however, to an appeal to General Synod, in case the charge preferred involved heterodoxy or vice. A Teacher of Theology who has spent his best days in this office, and has been rendered incapable of further service by infirmities, shall not be displaced from his office, without having such provision made for his support as his necessities may require, and the Synods, or Synods, having control of the institution in whose service he has been employed, shall be able to make. When a Teacher of Theology wishes to resign his office, he shall give written notice thereof to the President of the Board of Visitors six months previous to the time the resignation is to go into effect.

Article 21. No person can be elected a Teacher of Theology whose sentiments are not in accord with the doctrines of the Reformed Church, and who does not cordially approve of its mode of government, forms of worship, and distinctive customs ; nor shall any minister undertake to perform the functions of a Teacher of Theology, who has not been regularly called thereto, in accordance with the laws of the Church.

Article 22. Before a Teacher of Theology enters upon the duties of his office, he shall be solemnly inaugurated under the direction of the Synod, or Synods jointly, by which he has been chosen to the office. At his inauguration, he shall solemnly affirm the following declaration, as by an oath, in the presence of God, in a public assembly :

“ You, N. — N — —, Teacher of Theology elect, in the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States, at — — —, acknowledge sincerely before God and this assembly, that the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, which are called canonical Scriptures, are genuine, authentic, and inspired Scriptures ; that they contain all things which pertain to the faith, the life and hope of the righteous, and are the only rule of faith and practice in the Church of God ; that, consequently, no traditions, as they are called, and no mere conclusions of reason, which are contrary to the clear testi-

mony of these Scriptures, can be received as rules of faith or of life. You acknowledge, further, that the doctrines contained in the Heidelberg Catechism are the doctrines of the Holy Scriptures, and must therefore, be received as in accord with divinely revealed truth. You declare sincerely, that, in the office you are about to assume, you will make the inviolable divine authority of the Holy Scriptures, and the truth of the doctrines contained in the Heidelberg Catechism, the basis of all your instructions, and faithfully maintain and defend the same in your preaching, and writing, as well as in your instructions. You declare, finally, that you will labor, according to the ability which God may grant you, that with the divine blessing, the students intrusted to your care, may become enlightened, pious, faithful and zealous ministers of the Gospel, who shall be sound in the faith."

Article 23. Whenever a formal document asserting that either or all of the contingencies named in a previous article as disqualifying a Teacher of Theology for the duties of his office, attach to any particular incumbent of the office, signed by four Ministers and four Elders of the Church, shall be presented to the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary, said Board shall institute a careful examination into the truth of the alleged facts, and if they find sufficient cause therefor, shall bring the matter to the attention of the Synod, or Synods jointly, under whose appointment the Teacher of Theology in question, holds his office. Should the result reached by the Board of Visitors be unsatisfactory to the parties at whose instance the investigation was instituted, they shall have power to carry up the case, by way of complaint, to the Synod, or Synods controlling the Theological Seminaries, for revision and final disposition.

SECTION 6.—ELDERS.

Article 24. It is the province of each Elder, along with his other duties, to take heed that the Minister, together with his fellow Elders and Deacons, faithfully discharge their respective duties. The Elders shall aid in visiting the sick, and contribute,

according to their ability, to the instruction, improvement, and consolation of the members. None shall be elected to this office, who are not in full communion with the Church, and cordially devoted to the service of God.

Article 25. The Elders are elected by the congregation, for a term of years, by a majority of the votes polled, and may be re-elected after the time for which they had been elected expires. The number of Elders in each congregation, and their term of office are determined by the constitution or charter of the congregation. When elected for the first time, they shall be publicly and solemnly ordained to their office by prayer and the laying on of hands, unless specific objection be laid before the congregation, which the pastor shall deem sufficient to justify him in withholding ordination. They shall, after their ordination, be installed in their office, along with those who may have been re-elected, and thus invested with the actual charge of its duties.

SECTION 7.—DEACONS.

Article 26. It is the province of the Deacons in connection with their other duties, to provide for the support of the Minister, as well as look after the poor and destitute, and to see that the charities of the congregation, are applied with proper effect to their weekly and daily wants. They shall also provide the elements for the Lord's Supper, and maintain order in the house of God. The same rules and regulations hold with regard to the election, ordination, and installation of Deacons, which are ordained in the case of Elders.

PART SECOND.

CONGREGATIONS.

Article 27. Whenever a new congregation is to be constituted, it is necessary to secure the signatures of all such persons as are willing to enter into such organization to the following memorial addressed to the Classis, within whose bounds the congregation is to be located:

“We, whose names are hereunto affixed, deeply imdressep

with the importance of the Christian religion, and earnestly desiring to enjoy its holy ordinances, and to have its saving influence brought to bear upon our hearts and lives, and upon the hearts and lives of our families and neighbors, do hereby petition the Classis of ——— to constitute us a congregation under the name of ——— congregation in the township (town or 'city) of ——— county of ——— and State of ——— and declare our readiness, upon the granting of our petition, to adopt and be governed by the Constitution and Laws of the Reformed Church in the United States.

(Date.)

[Signed.]

The Classis, upon the reception of such petition, shall, if satisfied as to the propriety of the course, authorize one or more ministers to constitute a congregation, superintend the election of officers, the adoption of a constitution for the congregation, and ordain and install its officers. After the acts thus authorized shall have been performed, and then approved by the Classis, the said congregation shall be recognized as in regular connection with the Reformed Church in the United States.

Article 28. In special cases, where no difficulties are likely to arise therefrom, ministers are authorized to go forward with the organization of new congregations on their own responsibility, but in all such cases, their action must be approved by the Classis, before it can acquire proper validity.

Article 29. Every congregation shall adopt a Constitution for itself, defining the rights and duties of members and officers, which, however, shall not, in any article, be in conflict with the Constitution and Laws of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Article 30. Every congregation shall hold at least one meeting annually, constituted of all the members present, for the election of officers and settlement of its finances, and the transaction of such other business as may be necessary, provided specific notice of the nature of the business to be transacted, be given to the congregation by the consistory, at least two weeks before the meeting takes place. In these meetings, such communicant members in good standing, as are qualified under the charter or

constitution of the congregation, shall be entitled to a seat and a vote.

Article 31. Every congregation, either by itself, or in connection with other congregations, constitutes a pastoral charge, as may be authorized by the Classis. No congregation, however, belonging to a charge composed of more than one congregation, can withdraw therefrom without the consent of the Classis. The common interests of the congregations constituting such a charge, shall be attended to by a *Joint Consistory*, composed of the members of the Consistories of the several congregations embraced in the charge.

Article 32. Every congregation shall provide properly for the support of the pastor, the maintainance of the stated means of grace, the establishment and management of the Sunday-school, and also of the parochial school, wherever such a school is practicable, and, likewise, for regular meetings for common prayer and Scriptural instruction.

Article 33. Every congregation shall take steps, as soon as possible after its organization, to become incorporated, in accordance with the laws of the State. Every such act of incorporation shall require the Board of Trustees to be constituted of the members of the Consistory of the congregation, provided such arrangement be not repugnant to the laws of the State in which such congregation is located, and shall, in every other respect, conform as far as possible, to the form of an act of incorporation, approved by the General Synod. A copy of it also, shall be submitted to the Classis, under whose jurisdiction the congregation stands, for its approval, prior to its being presented to the civil court for its authorization.

Article 34. To the Trustees is committed the care and control of the property of the congregation, whether real or movable, monies or legacies. They are to hold the property as a sacred trust for the congregation; to see that the edifice is in proper repair, and that it be not used for secular or improper purposes. In matters of a general nature, such as the purchasing and selling of property, the borrowing of money, and the erection of buildings, the Trustees can determine nothing finally, but must

have, to give their acts binding force, the consent of a majority of the members of the congregation, assembled at a meeting called for the purpose, of which at least two weeks' previous notice has been given from the pulpit.

PART THIRD.

CHURCH MEMBERS.

Article 35. Communicant members of the Church are those who have been received into full fellowship by confirmation, or have been admitted by certificate or otherwise, from other branches of the Christian Church, or who, after having lost their membership through long absence or continued neglect, publicly renew their profession, and have not, duly and for cause, been excluded from the Lord's Supper.

Article 36. The children of communicants are ingrafted into the Church by baptism, and subject to its care and discipline. It is their duty, as soon as they are old enough to commit the catechism, and to be benefitted by the minister's instruction, to become members of the catechumen class. Their parents shall not only afford them the necessary facilities for attending to this duty, but also seek to enforce its observance upon them, as well as encourage and aid them in discharging it.

Article 37. It is the duty of church members to attend regularly upon public worship; to partake of the Holy Sacrament whenever administered; to be instant in prayer; to be diligent in the study of the Holy Scriptures; to be governed by the truths of the Christian religion in their lives; to strive after those things which make for peace and love among the brotherhood; to aid in every way in the upbuilding of God's Kingdom upon the earth; to contribute according to their means for the support of the minister and the benevolent purposes generally; and to conduct themselves in all respects as becomes Christians.

Article 38. Members in good and regular standing in other branches of the Christian Church, may be received by certificate into the membership of the Reformed Church. In case, however, any such may desire to become members of the

Church, and yet are unable to procure a certificate of dismissal from the Church from which they come, though no moral impediment exist, they may be received by a renewal of their profession. This does not preclude the pastor and consistory from deciding in either case, whether they shall or shall not be instructed in the fundamental truths of the Christian religion, as set forth in the Heidelberg Catechism, and then received by confirmation.

Article 39. Members removing from the bounds of one congregation to those of another, shall obtain a certificate of dismissal and connect themselves at the earliest opportunity, with the congregation into whose bounds they have removed. Such certificate in all cases shall be valid only for one year from its date, unless there has been no opportunity of presenting it to the Consistory of the congregation to which the member is dismissed. The amenability of the dismissed member to the congregation dismissing him, does not cease until he is received into communion by the congregation to which he is dismissed, and when thus received, due notice thereof shall be given by the congregation receiving him to the congregation by which he has been dismissed. In the case of an Elder or Deacon in active service, his application for dismissal shall be regarded as a resignation of his office.

PART FOURTH.

CHURCH COURTS.

SECTION I.—CHURCH COURTS IN GENERAL.

Article 40. The Church-courts shall take cognizance only of ecclesiastical matters. They possess the right to require obedience to the laws of Christ and his Church, and to punish the disobedient by the exercise of Christian Discipline, but not to inflict any civil penalties.

Article 41. A higher Court shall have power to act in cases that can not be determined by a lower court, only when they are brought before it by appeal, complaint, or reference, unless it can be shown that the lower court has neglected its

duty ; and also in matters pertaining to the general interests of the congregations it represents, and in such things in the proceedings of the lower court, as are proper subjects of review. A Classis has the same relative jurisdiction over a Consistory which a Synod has over a Classis, and the General Synod over a Synod.

No Classis or Synod shall occupy the same territory in common with another Classis or Synod, in the religious worship of whose congregations the same language is prevailingly used. German Classes and Synods and English Classes and Synods are distinguished from each other on the score of language, occupy each their respective territories, the same as though the other did not exist, whilst due courtesy toward each other must ever be carefully observed.

Article 42. Every Church Court shall appoint such officers, besides a President and Secretary, or Stated Clerk, as it may deem necessary for the proper transaction of its business, who shall discharge the duties usually belonging to their respective offices. It also shall have the right to determine its own Order of Business, and likewise to adopt Rules of Order for its own government in the transaction of business, provided, however, those adopted in either case by a Synod, Classis, or Consistory, do not conflict with the Order of Business, or Rules of Order adopted by the General Synod for its own government. When any Church Court meets as a delegated body, the delegates to such Court shall be elected by the Court whom they represent, from among the members having a seat in the Court at the time of election, and in all such elections at least a double number of persons shall be nominated. Those having the highest number of votes shall be the *primarii*, and those having the next highest number of votes shall be the *secundi*, to succeed the *primarii* in the order of the number of votes received in both cases. Should the seat of a *primarius* be vacant and his regular *secundus* be absent, the seat may be occupied by any other *secundus* from among the number of the *secundi* present, in the order in which they stand on the list of delegates.

Article 43. Those who are delegated to any Church Court,

must be punctual in their attendance upon its meetings and remain during the whole of its sessions. All failures in this respect, without sufficient reason, will subject them to the censure of the body they represent. The expenses necessarily incurred by the delegates in attending to their duties as such, must be provided for by the Court from which they receive their appointment. The Court to which they are delegated, however, may aid such of the lower Courts in the payment of the expenses of their delegates, as may find the payment of the whole amount themselves to be burdensome, by an appropriation from its own Contingent Fund.

Article 44. Delegates from denominations in correspondence with the General Synod have a seat as advisory members, but no vote. The same privilege shall be accorded to every Minister and Elder of the Reformed Church, who may be present at any of the meetings of an Ecclesiastical Court, though not entitled to a seat as a regular member. Ministers from other denominations, who may attend any such meetings, shall be recognized and welcomed by the President, but cannot be admitted to seats as advisory members.

Article 45. Any person, who thinks himself aggrieved by the decision of a lower Court, in a judicial case of which he is a party, has the right to appeal to the next higher Court when the decision is not necessarily final; but, in that case, must give distinct and immediate notice of his intention, and within ten days after the rising of the Court from whose decision he appeals, lodge with the President thereof the reasons of his appeal. Should he fail to appear before the higher Court, the appeal must be considered as abandoned. And whatever is concluded in the highest Court to which the appeal can be taken, by a majority of votes, shall be considered as valid and binding, until shown to be contrary to the Word of God and the Constitution and Laws of the Church.

Article 46. Any lower Court, esteeming itself in a like manner aggrieved, shall enjoy the same right, but, in such case, the appeal must be made by the Court as such when regularly convened, and notice thereof, with the reasons of appeal, must be

lodged with the President of the Court whose decision is appealed from, within thirty days after the rising of the Court.

Article 47. No testimony in case of an appeal or complaint shall be admitted in the higher Court which has not been brought before the lower, except by the consent of both parties. If new evidence arises, which is likely materially to alter the aspect of the case, it must be sent back to the lower Court for a new investigation.

Article 48. The necessary effect of an appeal is to stay the execution of a sentence. But if the sentence passed be suspension from Church privileges or deposition from office, it shall remain in force, until reversed by the higher Court.

Article 49. In order to prevent vexation and delay in the judicial proceedings of any Court, by means of successive appeals in the progress of any trial or investigation, the party who may consider himself aggrieved by any decision upon any incidental question which may arise before a final sentence is pronounced, may state his objections to such decision, and require to have the same noted in the minutes of the proceedings, to the end that he may avail himself thereof in an appeal from the final sentence, without arresting the progress of such investigation or trial. And, in such cases, every decision objected to, as well as the objections, shall be distinctly stated in the minutes of such Court, and sent up with the appeal to the higher Court for review.

Article 50. Any member or members, who have voted in the minority in a decision affecting the Constitution and Laws of the Church, or the interests of religion, or any member of the Church, may carry up such a decision to a higher Court by way of complaint for their examination and supervision; provided they have given to the Court of whom they complain, as in the case of an appeal, due notice, together with the reasons for such complaint.

Article 51. Should any of the lower Courts pass an action of censure or reproof upon an individual, or any party in the Church, in their absence, the Clerk of said Court shall give those concerned immediate notice of such action; and should

they feel aggrieved by it, they shall have ten days time from the date of receiving notice, within which to notify the President of said Court, of his purpose to carry the matter up to the next higher Court by way of complaint and ten days further time for lodging with him their reasons for such complaint.

Article 52. When a sentence or any other act of a lower Court is reversed, if the members thereof appear to have proceeded according to the best of their judgment and with proper motives, they incur no censure from the higher Court. But if it be found that they have been influenced by improper motives, they shall be dealt with as the nature of the case may require.

Article 53. No member of any Court shall be allowed to enter protest against any of its acts. Any member who dissents from any such acts, shall have the right to require the names of all the members present who voted for or against the same, to be entered on the Minutes, and published therewith for the information of all concerned.

Article 54. Members, who have voted in the lower Court upon a case of appeal or complaint, shall not be allowed to vote on any question connected with the appeal or complaint in either of the higher Courts.

SECTION II.—THE CONSISTORY.

Article 55. The pastor of a charge shall be president of the Consistory, and also of the Spiritual Council. If there be a plurality of pastors, they shall preside in turn. When a charge is vacant, one of the elders shall act as president. Whether acting as a Consistory or Spiritual Council, the members, in each case, a majority of whom shall form a quorum, shall have an equal right to speak and vote upon all questions.

Article 56. To the Consistory belongs the choice of delegates to represent the charge in Classis, and the management and control of its temporal interests, such as the calling of all congregational meetings, the ordering of collections for benevolent purposes, the distributing of the alms through the Deacons, the annual auditing of the accounts of the Treasurer and of the Trustees, and the making due provision for the support

of the pastor. In the calling of a minister, however, and in all matters of general interest, the Consistory can determine nothing conclusively without the consent of a majority of the members of the congregation present at a meeting duly called for the purpose, of which at least two weeks' public notice shall have been given. All matters of this kind must first be investigated and determined by the Consistory, and then submitted for final decision to the congregation. It is the duty of the Consistory to keep a full and accurate record of all its proceedings, whether sitting as a Consistory as such, or as a Spiritual Council, and submit the same to the Classis at its annual meetings for review.

Article 57. It is the duty of the Spiritual Council to watch over the members of the congregation, to guard the doctrine of Christ, and to maintain strict and wholesome discipline. The Spiritual Council alone has power to admit members to full communion; and to exclude therefrom any who may err from the faith or offend in their morals. Its members shall be at all times vigilant and faithful in promoting the peace and spiritual welfare of the congregation.

Article 58. All special meetings of the Consistory or Spiritual Council shall be called by the President, or in his absence or inability to act, by the Secretary, when requested to do so, in writing by a majority of the members. The Minister may, at any time, upon his own responsibility, convene the Consistory or Spiritual Council in special session. Of all such meetings, however, at least three days' public notice shall be given, to all the members, and that business only can be transacted, which shall have been definitely stated in such notice.

Article 59. When a charge is without a pastor, the Consistory or Joint Consistory, shall diligently seek for a suitable Minister. As soon as possible, the Minister or Licentiate selected by the Consistory shall be invited to visit the congregation and preach to the people, due provision being made for his necessary expenses. If the Consistory shall thereupon deem it advisable, they shall propose him as a candidate for the pastorate to the congregation, to be voted upon at a meeting called

for the purpose, of which proper legal notice shall be given. The members shall vote simply for or against him as their pastor, and if a majority of the votes be cast in his favor, the election shall be valid, and the members of the Consistory, or Joint Consistory, shall make out a call to the Minister according to the form prescribed by the General Synod. No other Minister or Licentiate shall be brought before a congregation with a view to settlement as pastor, until the case of the candidate already before it has been finally disposed of.

SECTION III.—THE CLASSIS.

Article 60. A Classis shall embrace at least three pastoral charges, and as many ordained Ministers. It shall meet annually at such time and place as it shall have appointed at its last meeting. Proper entertainment, free of charge, shall be furnished by the congregation, in which its sessions are held. Should unforeseen circumstances render it necessary, the time and place of meeting may be changed by the President, at the written request of two Ministers and two Elders, members of the Classis, of which at least three weeks' notice shall be given in a circular addressed to each of the members by the Clerk of the Classis. Three Ministers and two Elders, or two Ministers and three Elders, regularly convened, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Article 61. Every pastoral charge is represented in Classis by its Minister or Ministers, and one delegated Elder, who must be furnished with proper credentials. A vacant charge is represented by an Elder. An Elder, however, delegated by a congregation, not constituted a separate charge, or by a pastoral charge, supplied by the pastor of an adjacent charge, shall be permitted to participate in the proceedings of Classis, but shall not be entitled to vote.

Article 62. The Ministers and Elders assembled at the time and place appointed for the meeting, shall, after the opening sermon has been preached by the President, or some other member of Classis, whom he or the Classis, may designate, elect such officers not permanent as are deemed necessary to com-

plete its organization, and then proceed with the transaction of its business, according to the order laid down for itself and under the Rules of Order adopted for its government in conducting its proceedings.

Article 63. As early as possible after the organization of Classis has been completed, the President shall appoint the Standing Committees of Classis, called for by its Rules of Order. The reports of the Committees on Minutes of Classis, Minutes of Synod, and Overtures, shall only exhibit those things which claim the attention of Classis, either as subjects on which it may decide, or as considerations, by which it may be guided in forming a decision, but shall not contain any propositions from the Committees.

Article 64. It is the duty of every Minister and Licentiate connected with a Classis to present at its annual meeting a report of his labors during the year. In case of his necessary absence from Classis, the report shall be forwarded to the Stated Clerk in time for the annual meeting. These reports shall be written on letter paper of the usual size, with a wide margin, so as to be suitable for binding in volumes, for which purpose they shall be carefully preserved by the Stated Clerk. Those of the pastor shall embrace a full summary of their ministerial and pastoral labors during the year, in which specific reference shall be made to what has been done in the way of catechising the young, and introducing members into the Church according to the provisions of the Constitution of the Church; to the extent and results of family visitation, and to the enforcement of discipline, so as to keep unworthy persons from partaking of the Lord's Supper. They shall also contain a summary statement of the moral condition of the charge, accompanied with a full and accurate report of its statistics. At the same time the Elder of the charge shall be asked for additional facts, if he has any to state, and also in regard to the extent to which the stipulations in the temporal contract of the charge with the pastor are met. The President or any member of Classis may ask the pastor and Elder such questions as they may deem necessary to elicit some desired information. In case a charge be

without a pastor, the statistical report for the year shall be furnished by the Consistory or joint Consistory. From the information thus obtained the Committee on the State of Religion and Statistics shall prepare a report to be laid before the Synod.

Article 65. In the Classis is invested the power to examine and license candidates for the ministry; to ordain such as have been licensed; to constitute and dissolve pastoral relations; to dismiss ministers; to depose or otherwise punish, according to his desert, a member of its own body; to re-instate a minister whom it has suspended or deposed, when trustworthy evidence of repentance and reformation appears. It reviews the record of the congregations, and approves or censures them; decides cases of appeal or complaint from the Consistories, as well as all cases respecting ministers or congregations, which may arise within its jurisdiction and are regularly brought before it: such as constituting of new congregations; the determining of boundaries of congregations and charges; the decision of controversies between existing congregations; the forming, reconstructing, or dissolving of charges, as may be requested, or the Classis may deem expedient.

Article 66. No Minister or Licentiate can be received by a Classis until he shall have presented a certificate of dismissal from the Classis to which he last belonged, and no reception of a minister from another denomination shall be final until it is confirmed by the Synod. A minister dismissed by a Classis continues amenable to it until he is received by the body to which he is dismissed, and when so received, immediate official notice shall be given to the Stated Clerk of the Classis by which he has been dismissed. No Classis shall refuse to receive a minister honorably dismissed to it by another, unless there be manifest grounds of objection against his doctrine or morals, in which case the certificate of dismissal shall be returned to the Classis with a specific statement of the grounds of objection; whereupon the Classis shall take these objections into consideration, and if it find no sufficient reason to change its action, the whole question shall be referred to the Synod for decision.

Article 67. Whenever a Minister or Licentiate wilfully neglects to attend the annual meetings of his Classis, or fails to report to it for three years in succession, he renders himself liable to suspension from office, and the Classis shall at once cite him for trial, and proceeds in his case according to the Laws of the Church.

Article 68. The President of Classis may, whenever he shall deem it necessary, on his own responsibility, call a special meeting of Classis through a circular addressed to each member at least two weeks before the meeting takes place. Whenever requested by two Ministers and two Elders of the Classis in writing to call a special meeting, he shall not refuse to do so, if assured that the party or parties for whose benefit it is called will provide for the expenses attending such meeting. In case of the death or removal of the President, or the business to be transacted implicates him, the power of calling the meeting invests in the next highest officer, the Treasurer excepted. Should the same contingencies exist with respect to them, two Ministers and two Elders, members of the Classis, can call such meeting. In all special meetings only such business can be transacted as shall have been definitely stated in the call.

The President, Stated Clerk, and a third person to be annually elected by the Classis, shall constitute an *Executive Committee*, to represent the Classis in the interval between its annual sessions, and execute its acts, for which provision has not otherwise been made. It shall also have power, subject to the approval of Classis, in cases free from all objection, to dissolve pastoral relations, dismiss and receive Ministers and Licentiates, aid vacant congregations in securing pastors and procuring supplies, and exercise a general supervision over the interests of the Church, within the bounds of Classis. The President shall, at the close of the year, present a full report of the doings of the Committee to Classis for its revision and action.

Article 69. The Stated Clerk, in connection with his other duties, shall have charge of the books and papers of the Classis and issue all official documents of Classes, signed by himself and the President, with the seal of Classis affixed. He shall

also regularly transmit to the Synod for its use at its annual meetings, a certified copy of the Minutes of all the meetings held during the year, in the form and order required by the Rules of Synod. He shall also furnish pastoral charges and individuals with a certified copy of any proceedings which may have been had, in which they are specially concerned, at the earliest possible date.

SECTION IV. THE SYNOD.

Article 70. At least four adjacent Classes are required to constitute a Synod, whether it be an English or German Synod. It shall meet annually, either in general convention or as a delegated body, to be determined by itself, as well as the basis of representation, in case the latter be adopted, with the concurrence of two-thirds of the Classis constituting the Synod. In case the delegate system be adopted, the Synod may still meet in general convention, whenever it shall have resolved to do so at the previous annual meeting. Any number of members convened at the time and place appointed for the meeting, in which a majority of the Classes constituting the Synod are represented and of whom at least one-third are Elders, shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

Article 71. The Annual Sessions of Synod shall be opened by the President, or a member of Synod designated by himself or the Synod, with a sermon, at the close of which the Synod shall be constituted by prayer. The roll of members present shall then be made out, and its officers, not permanent, chosen, after which it shall proceed to business, which shall be transacted after the Order of Business laid down for itself, and under the Rules of Order adopted by itself for such purpose.

Article 72. Each Synod shall annually review the proceedings of its own Classes. The report of its Committee on this subject shall embrace the following topics :

1.) *Things Censurable*, either as a violation of the Constitution and Laws of the Church, an offense against propriety, or a neglect of duty.

2.) *Requests and References* from the Classes to the Synod.

3.) *Appeals and Complaints* to Synod occurring in the Minutes of Classes.

4.) *Decisions of Classes* on subjects referred to them by the Synod and the General Synod.

5.) *Licensures, Ordinations, Ministers received, dismissed, suspended or deposed* by each Classis.

6.) *Time and place of the next annual meeting of Classis, its President, Stated Clerk, Treasurer, and number of Copies of Minutes* requested.

Each Synod has the power to receive and determine appeals and complaints from the Classes; to give advice in a case referred to it by a Classis; to establish new Classes within its own limits, and to determine all controversies between Classes and between Ministers and Congregations of two or more Classes. An existing Classis, however, cannot be dissolved or any part of it united to another, without its own consent. The decision of Synod in cases of appeal or complaint shall be final, except in matters affecting the Doctrine, Cultus and Constitution of the Church.

Article 73. Each Synod by itself or in connection with one or more adjacent Synods, with the consent of the General Synod, may establish and maintain such Colleges and other Literary Institutions as it may deem necessary, and shall have full control over them in all respects. The Professors and other officers of such institutions shall be amenable for the discharge of their official duties only to the Synod or Synods by which they are sustained.

Article 74. Each Synod may also by itself or in connection with one or more adjacent Synods, with the consent of the General Synod, establish and maintain a Theological Seminary, the Boards of Trustees and Visitors of which shall be elected by themselves, who shall annually submit to them a report of their work. The Professors for the several chairs which may be created, shall be chosen in the manner already prescribed in these Special Laws.

Article 75. Each Synod shall give proper attention to the education of pious young men for the Gospel Ministry and to

the work of Home Missions, Church Extension and Foreign Missions. For the more efficient discharge of this duty, it may entrust the management of each of these interests to a special Commission or Board, which shall be auxiliary in each case to the kindred Board of the General Synod, and do their work through it, retaining, however, the privilege of suggesting to what persons, congregations or missions, as the case may be, to which the funds furnished by them may be applied, which suggestions shall be respected by the General Synod's Board, as far as practicable. These several Commissions or Boards shall annually furnish a report of their work to the Synod by which they are appointed.

Article 76. A special meeting of Synod may be called by the President at the request of four ministers and four elders, members of Synod, which request shall be in writing and specify the particular business to be transacted. Notice of such special meeting shall be given to the members of Synod by circular, stating the time and place of meeting and the business to be transacted, issued by the Stated Clerk, at the direction of the President, at least three weeks prior to the time of such meeting. Only such business can be transacted at such meeting, as is specifically stated in the call, and the Synod can be constituted only of such persons as were authorized to participate in its proceedings at the immediately previous annual sessions.

Article 77. All credentials, calls to Professors, and agreements to which the Synod is a party, shall be signed by the President and Stated Clerk, with the seal of Synod attached. The latter shall subscribe all extracts from the Records of Synod, and have charge of the records, papers and seal of Synod; and shall also submit two or more copies of its proceedings at every meeting held during the year, duly authenticated, to the General Synod at its regular annual meeting for examination and review.

SECTION 8.—THE GENERAL SYNOD.

Article 78. In the General Synod, each Synod is entitled to be represented by one Minister and one Elder for every twenty Ministers and fraction thereof, constituting the roll of said Synod, ●

who, in order to be admitted to their seats, must present to the Stated Clerk official evidence of their appointment by Synod. At no time shall the aggregate number of delegates entitled to seats exceed sixty Ministers and sixty Elders. Should the aggregate number of representatives on the basis here laid down at any time reach the maximum number designated, they shall then be distributed by the General Synod amongst the several Synods in proportion to the number of Ministers making up the general roll of each Synod. In the appointment of delegates, the Synods shall have a special regard to their fitness for the position to which they are appointed, and also endeavor to have each of their several Classes represented in their delegation as far as practicable. Twenty-four delegates convened at the time and place appointed for the meeting, in which number the majority of the Synods are represented, and one-third of whom at least are Elders, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Article 79. The General Synod shall meet annually at such time and place as shall be fixed upon at the preceding meeting. The meeting shall be opened with a sermon by the President of the previous General Synod, or a minister of the Reformed Church, designated by the President or the General Synod. After the sermon, the sessions shall be opened with prayer; the roll of members made out, and the officers not permanent chosen. The business of the General Synod shall be transacted after an Order of Business adopted by itself, and under such Rules of Order not inconsistent with this Constitution and the appended Special Laws, as it may adopt for its government in the transaction of business. This Order of Business and these Rules of Order may be changed or amended by a two-third vote of the members present at any regular meeting. A special meeting of the General Synod may be called by the President, when requested to do so in writing by as many ministers and elders and with the same qualifications, as are required to constitute a quorum at a regular meeting, public notice of which in the periodicals of the Church, shall be given at least four weeks before such meeting takes place, specifying the particular busi-

ness to be transacted, and only the business thus specified, and no other, can be transacted at such meeting.

Article 80. The General Synod shall review the proceedings of the Synods, and approve or disapprove of their acts. It has power to maintain a correspondence with Sister Churches, to receive and determine appeals and complaints, within the limits laid down in this Constitution and these Special Laws, and according to the order constitutionally adopted for such purpose; and also to give counsel in cases referred to it by one or more Synods. It may likewise, from time to time, at the request of four adjacent Classes, all of which must belong either to the English or German portion of the Church, and with the consent of the Synod or Synods within whose bounds they lie, constitute them a Synod.

Article 81. The General Synod may maintain a General Institution of Learning, which shall embrace at least the departments of a full College and a regular Theological Seminary, to be located at some prominent accessible point. These departments shall be governed by an act or acts of incorporation approved by the General Synod. In the department of the Theological Seminary, the election of the professors and control of its internal affairs shall be specially reserved to the General Synod. Besides the right reserved to the General Synod to approve or disapprove of the appointment to a professorship in a Theological Seminary sustained and controlled by one or more Synods, it shall appoint a committee, the members of which may be changed from time to time at its annual sessions, as it may see fit, consisting of at least five ministers from as many different Synods, which shall be known as the Committee of Supervision of Theological Seminaries, who shall be empowered at any time, when deemed by them proper or necessary, to examine into the doctrine, cultus, and internal management of any one or all of the Theological Seminaries recognized or authorized by the General Synod, and report their proceedings to the General Synod at its next annual sessions; and if anything be reported, which, in the judgment of the General Synod, requires attention, it shall take measures to have it

brought to the notice of such Synod, or Board, or Committee, as may have jurisdiction in the case. The said Committee shall not, however, interfere with any legitimate arrangement or authority of the respective Synods or their Boards or Committees.

Article 82. The General Synod shall give all due attention to the work of Beneficiary Education, Home Missions, Foreign Missions, and Church Extension, each of these interests to be managed and controlled by a specific Board appointed by the General Synod, according to the provision made for such purpose in the Charter or Constitution obtained or adopted by each Board for their government, with the approval of the General Synod, and shall submit a report of their work and proceedings to the General Synod at each of its annual sessions.

Article 83. The General Synod shall maintain a General Board of Publication, to be properly located and to do its work under the provisions of an act of incorporation approved by the General Synod. The particular object of the Board shall be the publication and sale of such works, permanent and periodical, as are adapted to promote sound learning and true religion in Sunday-schools and among Church members, and as the wants of the Church may demand. The General Synod alone shall appoint and have control over those who fill the position of editor in either of the departments. Depositories for the sale of books, at the same rates at which they are sold at the Publication House, may be established at other points, in case it be deemed expedient to do so by the Board or General Synod. The Board shall annually submit to the General Synod a full statement of its condition and of its operations during the year. If it be deemed advisable, the General Synod may also authorize and maintain a separate Board of Publication, to which shall be committed exclusively the publication interests as they relate to the German portion of the Church, which Board shall be subject to the same rules and regulations as those prescribed for the General Board ordered to be maintained in the preceding part of this article.

Article 84. The General Synod shall cause to be prepared,

with power to alter or amend the same at any time by a two-third vote of the members present at a regular meeting, for the guidance of the congregations and the several Church Courts, forms of a Charter for a Congregation; a Constitution for a Congregation; a Constitution for a Joint Consistory; Certificate of Licensure; Testimonials of Ordination; Certificate of Dismission of a Minister; Call to a Minister; Call to a Professor of Theology; Certificate of Dismission of a Church Member; Certificate of Marriage; Statistical Report of a Pastoral Charge; Statistical Report of a Classis; Statistical Report of a Synod; A Church Register; Citation of an Accused Person; Citation of a Witness; and such other forms as may, from time to time, be deemed expedient.

Article 85. All proposed ordinances, or changes in the ordinances of the Church, such as this Constitution, and Special Laws, a Catechism, a Hymn-book and a Liturgy or Order of Worship, must first be approved by the General Synod and then submitted to all the Classes for adoption or rejection. When such proposed amendment or addition relates to this Constitution or these appended Special Laws, it shall, before being sent down to the Classes for their action, be submitted to a judicious committee, with a view to have it so framed as to sentiment and language, as shall make it harmonize with the other unchanged portions of the Constitution or Special Laws, and as shall also fully preserve a perfect symmetry both as to style and wording. If, at the next annual session of the General Synod, it shall appear that any such proposed ordinances or changes of an ordinance has been adopted, by the number required by this Constitution to give it binding force, the General Synod shall declare the fact, and shall thereupon be valid as an ordinance of the Church. It shall, therefore, be the duty of every Classes to decide upon such ordinance or amendment at its first regular meeting, after it shall have been proposed by the General Synod; and each Synod shall, in its official review of the Minutes of Classes, distinctly record the precise action of each Classis in its connection, upon such proposed ordinance or amendment, at the same time noting such Classes, if any, as may have omitted to take action upon it.

PART FIFTH.

CULTUS.

SECTION 1.—THE SACRAMENTS.

Article 86. The children of communicant members shall be received into the Church by baptism. A child may be baptized, if one of the parents be a member; but if neither of them be such, it must remain for the present unbaptized. Should, however, one of the parents manifest a cordial desire to be admitted to the communion of the Church, and, in such frame of mind, solemnly promise to profit by the next opportunity, and also lead a consistent life, the child may be baptized.

Article 87. Sponsors may be admitted in the baptism of infants; but the parents themselves must be present, answer every question, and assume every obligation, and do this solemnly as in the presence of God. None, however, shall be admitted as sponsors, who are not in full communion with some Christian Church. This, in conjunction with the previous article, shall not be so construed as to prevent persons, who adopt orphans or other children into their families, from offering them to God in baptism.

Article 88. Adults shall be baptized, if the minister has ascertained that they possess correct views of Christian doctrine, and have an earnest desire and willingness to yield obedience to the requirements of Christ. But if he discover deficiencies in these respects, he shall direct them to attend the usual catechetical instructions, and shall afterward proceed in relation to them, as with catechumens. If this, however, be impracticable, he shall in some way suitably instruct them. If they, notwithstanding, still continue without the requisite qualifications, he shall refer them to some future time.

Article 89. Baptism shall be administered publicly in the church, and not elsewhere, unless special circumstances render it necessary. The forms provided for such purpose in the Liturgy or Order of Worship adopted by the Church shall be used in the administration of baptism. In the case of adults the rite of confirmation shall follow immediately upon their baptism.

Article 90. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper shall be administered in every congregation, at least twice a year, and oftener if practicable. The administration shall take place publicly in the church, and be conducted according to the established order of the Reformed Church. If any member, through sickness or infirmity, be not able to come to the house of God, and yet desires to receive the communion, it may be administered to him privately. One other person at least should commune with the sick; and one or more elders ought to be present. This sacrament may also be administered to sick persons, who have not been communicants, provided they have proper views of its nature, right disposition of heart, and are first baptized and confirmed.

Article 91. None but regular members of the Church shall be admitted to the communion of the Lord's Supper. Communicant members of neighboring congregations, and of other denominations, holding the essential doctrines of the Gospel, in good standing, may, however, be invited to unite in the observance of this sacrament.

Article 92. Whenever the Lord's Supper is to be administered, a service preparatory thereto shall be appointed, at which all the communicant members shall be present, as far as possible, and at the close of which their names shall be furnished for record in the Church Register. Before the communion is administered, the Minister and Elders shall diligently inquire whether any member has departed from the doctrine of the Church in faith or practice, to the end that all improper persons may be excluded from the Lord's table; and in case the Elders neglect this duty, the pastor is empowered to exercise this discipline alone.

SECTION 2.—CHURCH RITES.

Article 93. Every pastor shall give special attention to the instruction of the youth in his congregation, with particular reference to their preparation for confirmation. The Heidelberg Catechism shall be used in such instruction. No other shall be employed which has not been approved and appointed to that use by the General Synod. The members of the Con-

sistory, especially the Elders, as shepherds and overseers of the flock, shall be present at the catechetical instructions as often as possible, to observe the deportment of those who are taught, and their acquaintance with religious truths.

Article 94. Before confirmation takes place, the pastor, in the presence of the Elders, shall diligently examine the candidates for admission to all the privileges of the Church, whether they understand the fundamental doctrines of the Christian religion, have experienced the power of them upon their hearts, and are governed by them in their lives. Those who continue ignorant of these doctrines, and do not warrant a reasonable hope that they will adorn their profession, shall not be admitted to confirmation.

Article 95. The rite of Ordination, whether of Minister, Elders, or Deacons, as well as the rite of confirmation, solemnization of marriage, and burial of the dead, can be performed only by regularly ordained Ministers, and shall be administered according to the order prescribed for such purpose in the Liturgy or Order of Worship of the Church.

SECTION 3.—WORSHIP.

Article 96. The public worship of the sanctuary shall be conducted according to the order prescribed in the Liturgy or Order of Worship of the Church. In such worship, no selection of Hymns shall be used, except such as has been authorized for such purpose according to the order of the Church.

Article 97. The chief Festivals of the Church Year—Christmas, Good Friday, Easter, Ascension, Pentecost, and Trinity Sunday—shall be religiously observed by the congregations and families; and it is recommended, also, that the general order of the Church Year be observed as far as practicable.

Article 98. The Lord's Day (Sunday) shall be kept as a holy day, devoted to the public worship of the Lord in the sanctuary; to private exercises of religion, and to works of love and mercy. Attendance on prayer-meetings during the week, and daily worship in the family also must be regarded and commended as important religious duties.

PART SIXTH.

DISCIPLINE.

SECTION I.—MEMBERS.

Article 99. If any of the baptized members fall into sinful ways, the Pastor and Elders shall remind their parents or sponsors of their duty in regard to them, and shall also, by direct approach, seek to recover them from their evil ways.

Article. 100. Private offenses are such as are known to a second individual only, or at most, to very few persons. No offense of this kind shall be brought before the Spiritual Council, if evidence of sorrow is apparent after the delinquent has been admonished privately, or in the presence of two or three witnesses. Nor shall the Spiritual Council take action in the case until the rule presented by our Lord in Matthew xviii: 15-17, has been observed. Those who neglect to take these preparatory steps, and undertake to become accusers or informers of their brethren, or in any way give unnecessary publicity to their faults, render themselves liable to the censure of the Church.

Article 101. If any member give offense to the Church by open sin, he shall at first be admonished by the Minister, or an Elder, privately; and if he does not amend, a second time, in the presence of two or three witnesses. The admonition may be further repeated, according to the nature of the case. If this discipline fails of its end, the offender is to be regularly cited to appear before the Spiritual Council, who shall deal with him, in case he be found guilty, after a careful investigation has taken place, as the nature of the offense and the purity and honor of the Church may require.

Article 102. Members of the Church, who obstinately reject the admonitions of the Spiritual Council, upon being convicted of an offense, or who have committed an act of public scandal, shall be suspended from the communion of the Church. Those thus suspended shall be treated not as enemies, but as erring brethren, and shall be admonished as such, agreeably to the Apostolic direction, 2 Thess. 3: 6-15. But if this suspension

and these admonitions have been ineffectual, they shall be excommunicated, and no intercourse held with them. Matthew 18:15-17. A suspension may or may not be announced to the congregation at the discretion of the Spiritual Council; a sentence of excommunication, however, shall always be publicly pronounced, and require the concurrence of the congregation, whether expressly or tacitly given, to give it full validity.

Article 103. The following sins especially claim the attention of the Church Courts, and merit discipline; heresy, blasphemy, schism, perjury, adultery, fraud, contentiousness, intemperance, falsehood, licentiousness, cruelty, worldliness, gross profanation of the Lord's day, and others of a similar character. No complaints in case of scandal shall be heard unless presented within one year after the crime is alleged to have been committed, unless it can be shown that insurmountable difficulties prevented it.

Article 104. The power of suspension from the communion of the Church belongs to the Spiritual Council; but if they should neglect to convene at the time appointed, after being duly notified, the Minister may sit alone as a Court to try an individual, and, on finding him guilty, pronounce the same sentence. If an offense be so gross, that forbearance would bring dishonor upon the religion of Jesus, and be a cause of scandal in the Church, the Spiritual Council shall, immediately upon the conviction of the offender, separate him from the Church, and put the evil from it, agreeably to I. Cor., 5:1-13.

Article 105. If a member, after admonition by the Pastor or Elders, continues to neglect his duty as a member of the Church, such conduct shall be considered an offense against good order, and render him liable to discipline.

SECTION 2.—CHURCH OFFICERS.

Article 106. If a Minister, Elder or Deacon fall into sin, his brethren in office shall first kindly but faithfully admonish him and pray with him, that he may overcome the Evil One.

Article 107. If an Elder or Deacon commit an offense which brings dishonor upon the Church, or is punishable by the civil

law, he shall, upon trial and conviction, be removed from his office by the Spiritual Council. If the offender be a Minister, the Spiritual Council shall prevent him from further prosecuting his ministerial functions, and refer him to be tried by his Classis as soon as possible. The proceedings of the Spiritual Council in such cases are not to be considered a trial, but only a prudent interference and binding over of the accused to the judgment of his peers.

Article 108. If an ill report concerning a Minister, an Elder, or a Deacon, be in circulation, the Spiritual Council shall institute an immediate investigation and proceed in the case as the interests of religion and justice to the individual may require. If such ill report concern the Minister, the Classis shall appoint a committee of their own body to investigate the case, without waiting to be requested by the Spiritual Council. But if they discover that the Spiritual Council is already occupied with it, they shall await the result of its inquiry.

Article 109. To establish a charge against a Minister or Elder, the testimony of at least two witnesses is required. In cases, however, in which such officer is accused of a repetition of the same offense or similar ones, the testimony of one witness for each commission of the act may be considered sufficient.

SECTION 3. — PROCESS AND TRIAL.

Article 110. All processes before a Church Court must be based either on *general rumor or individual accusation*. In the former case, the proper Church Court itself reduces the charge or charges to writing. In the latter case, the accuser or accusers shall give the Court a distinct statement of the charge or charges preferred. The accused shall be regularly cited to appear for trial. All citations ordered by a Court must be signed by the President or Clerk, and served for the first time on the parties concerned at least ten days before the trial. The citation shall be accompanied with a copy of the charge or charges, and the names of the witnesses that are to appear against him, and also with a statement of the time, place, and circumstances of the commission of the offense, if possible.

Article 111. Should the facts of a crime alleged against a

person lie at a distance without the bounds of the charge or Classis of which he is a member, his own Court in such case may either appoint a committee, or request a Court more conveniently situated, to take the testimony for them, always giving the accused due notice of the time and place of such examination ; and in like manner shall the accused, if he wish to procure testimony at a distance for his own exculpation, give proper notice to the Spiritual Council or Classis of such intention.

Article 112. Should the accused refuse to obey the summons, he shall be cited a second time to appear as soon as the Court may deem reasonable, and if he still refuse to appear, he shall not only be liable to censure for contumacy, but the Court may proceed with the investigation and decision of the case, the same as though he were present.

Article 113. The trial shall be fair and impartial. The witnesses, after being sworn, or solemnly affirmed, by the President or some legal officer, shall be examined in the presence of the accused, who shall be permitted to cross-examine them. The whole proceedings in the case shall be accurately and fully re-recorded, and copies furnished to the parties, if demanded, at their expense.

Article 114. The competency or credibility of a witness may be affected by his minority, his want of knowledge of the facts to be established, his near relationship to the parties concerned, by infamy or malignity of character, and by other circumstances, each of which may form a good ground of challenge by either party, and invalidate, and, sometimes, destroy the testimony of a witness in the opinion of the Court.

Article 115. No professional counsel shall be permitted to appear and plead in any of our Church Courts. If an accused person feel himself incompetent to manage his own case, he may request, or the President may appoint any Minister or Elder of the Reformed Church to act as his counsel.

SECTION 4.—RESTORATION OF THE PENITENT.

Article 116. Suspended members, who give satisfactory evidence of genuine repentance and amendment, can be reinstat-

ed, after a reasonable time of probation, by the Spiritual Council, if they apply for such purpose.

Article 117. Excommunicated persons, who awake to repentance, may be restored by the same Court that excommunicated them. Whenever an excommunicated member asks to be restored to the communion of the Church, the Minister and Elders shall make diligent inquiry into his state of mind and manner of life; and if he give sufficient evidence of being truly penitent, he may be publicly restored.

Article 118. A minister, Elder or Deacon, who has been deposed from office, may be reinstated in it, upon repentance and reformation. Such restoration to office shall take place only by the Court which deposed him, and then not until the evidence of repentance and reformation are unequivocal and a sufficient time has elapsed to show that they are not deceptions. This rule is particularly important in respect to a Minister of the Word, because he ought to be eminent, above all men, in purity and in godliness; and in such case, it is necessary that it be approved by the Synod, before it be conclusive and final.

Article 119. A Minister, who has been deposed for the sin of adultery or fornication, or for any offense that affixes a public scandal to the character, which no after repentance can remove, ought not ordinarily be restored to the ministry. In extraordinary cases, however, where the evidence of repentance is unequivocal, and the demand for restoration comes from the congregation in which the individual resided at the time of his deposition, the Classis may take the application for restoration into consideration, and, if sustained by two-thirds of the members present, and afterwards confirmed by the Synod, then and not till then, shall restoration fully take place.

CONCLUSION.

Article 120. Whatever in previous Constitutions or resolves of the highest Church Court, of general binding authority, is contrary to this Constitution and these Special Laws, is hereby revoked.

Article 121. The original records of all proceedings of the General Synod, and all documents, letters and papers having

reference to its proceedings, shall be carefully preserved by the Stated Clerk, and deposited in such a place as the General Synod shall direct; and no document or paper shall be removed therefrom by any person whatever, without leave previously obtained from the General Synod, or, during its recess, from its Stated Clerk.

TRANSLATION OF THE CONSTITUTION.

The Committee on Minutes of the Synod of the Northwest, during the evening session on Tuesday, reported, in item 3, that the German translation of the Church Constitution of the Publishing House at Cleveland, is referred to this General Synod for inspection and approval. This item, on motion, was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. John Bachman, John G. Noss, Dr. Nicholas Gehr, and elder Wm. D. Gross. This committee, during the afternoon session of the last day of the sessions, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted :

Your committee has examined this German translation of the Constitution, and, though susceptible of some improvement, finds it on the whole correct, and recommends it for approval.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN BACHMAN, *Chairman.*

CONFORMITY TO THE CONSTITUTION.

The Synod of the Northwest, as reported by the Committee on the Minutes of said Synod, during the evening session on Tuesday, in item 2, *e*), requests the General Synod to conform strictly to the requirements of the Constitution, requiring all Liturgies, Hymn-Books, &c., shall be referred to the classes for approval or rejection. In regard to this request, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That the answer to this is found in the action of this General Synod in the action adopting the report of the Peace Commission.

GERMAN HYMN-BOOK FUND AND APPENDIX.

The German Synod of the East, as reported by the Committee on the Minutes of said Synod, during the morning session on Tuesday, in item 11, requests the General Synod to transfer the "German Hymn-Book Fund" to the Directors of the German Publishing House in Cleveland, Ohio. The item was adopted, and, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the request be granted.

Also, the German Synod of the East, as reported by the same committee, at the same time, in item 12, requests the General Synod to refer the Appendix of forty hymns to Dr. Schaff's German Hymn-Book to the classes, for constitutional action thereon. The item was adopted, and, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the Appendix of forty hymns to Dr. Schaff's German Hymn-Book, be referred to the classes for approval or rejection.

RELATION OF DISMISSED AND NOT RECEIVED MEMBERS, ETC.

The Committee on Official Reports of English Classes, during the afternoon session on Tuesday, reported that Philadelphia Classis, in item 3, under *a*, overtured General Synod for a deliverance on the status of a church-member who has received a certificate of dismissal, but not yet handed in elsewhere; and under *b*, for a deliverance on the question, what effect the granting of a certificate will have on the official relation of an elder or deacon so dismissed. These sub-items were adopted, and referred to a special committee consisting of Revs. Samuel B. Leiter, D. D., Lewis D. Steckel, and Elder John P. Reed. This committee, during the afternoon session of the last day of the sessions, presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

The special committee appointed to decide the state of a person dismissed, but not yet received into another congregation; and the same to be decided also in regard to an elder or deacon affecting his office, would report:

a.) That in regard to the first, your committee is of the opinion that his membership continues until the transfer is completed by his reception into the congregation to which he was dismissed.

b.) That in regard to the second, the elder or deacon resigns his office and ceases to be an official so soon as he receives his dismissal, although the transfer is not as yet completed by his reception into another congregation.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL B. LEITER, *Chairman.*

ORDINATION OF SEPARATISTIC ECCLESIASTICAL BODIES.

The Committee on Minutes of the General Synod, during the afternoon session of the fourth day (Saturday) of the sessions, in item 19, reported that a committee was appointed to prepare a deliverance on the ordination of ecclesiastical bodies bearing a separatistic character. This committee submitted their report, which was received and adopted, and the committee was discharged and excused. The report is as follows :

The committee appointed *to prepare a deliverance on the ordination of such ecclesiastical bodies as bear a separatistic character*, would respectfully set forth, that, for causes they were not able to control, they are not able to offer to Synod the prescribed paper. In view of the difficulties that environ the subject, the committee would respectfully submit that if it still be deemed advisable to have such deliverance prepared, that it be given to another committee to be appointed, or that the existing committee be re-constructed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

G. WILLIAM WELKER, *Chairman.*

PRINTING OF TRACT ON OFFICE OF DEACON.

The Stated Clerk, in response to item 10, in the report of the Committee on Minutes of General Synod, submitted, during Friday afternoon session, the following report, which was received and adopted :

In accordance with the instructions of the last General Synod, I had 7,000 copies of the report on the Office of Deacon printed in tract form, in the English, and 5,000 in the German language, and made proper distribution thereof among the several classes for the use of the membership of the Church.

Respectfully submitted.

ISAAC H. REITER, *Stated Clerk.*

REPORT ON THE OFFICE OF DEACONESS.

The Committee appointed at the last General Synod to report on the subject of the Office of Deaconess, referred to in item 11, in the report of the Committee on Minutes of General Synod, submitted their report, which was received, discussed during several sessions, and, as amended, adopted. The resolutions, connected with the written report (which set forth the history, nature, and duties of the office of deaconess, and which was ordered to be published only in the papers of the Church), are as follows :

Resolved, That we recognize the importance of the office of deaconess, as it existed in the Apostolic Church, and was reaffirmed by the reformers of the sixteenth century.

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to propose some plan for the practical introduction of this office in our congregations, and that said committee report on Tuesday morning at eleven o'clock.

Resolved, That the report be published in the English and German papers of the Church.

The committee called for in the second resolution, and as officially appointed, consists of Revs. John H. Klein, D. D., J. Spangler Kieffer, Abraham B. Koplin, Elders Wm. D. Gross and Francis M. McKeehan. This committee, at the appointed time, submitted their report, which was received, discussed and adopted :

Your committee appointed to report a plan for the practical introduction of the office of deaconess, would respectfully report to this General Synod the following resolution for adoption :

Resolved, That in the judgment of your committee, no plan

for the introduction into the Reformed Church of the office and work of deaconesses is at present called for or possible, beyond the general circulation among our ministry and people of the valuable paper prepared on this subject by Rev. John B. Kniest, and asking for this subject the careful attention and prayerful consideration of the classes and consistories within the bounds of this General Synod.

By unanimous consent and in behalf of the committee.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. KLEIN, *Chairman.*

PERMISSION GRANTED TO ORGANIZE A NEW SYNOD.

The Synod of the Northwest, as reported by the committee on Minutes of said Synod, during the morning session on Tuesday, in item 4, requests General Synod to grant it permission to divide and organize a new Synod, and to allow each of these synods, when so divided, an equal share in the property of all the institutions of the present Synod of the Northwest, such as the Mission House, the Book Establishment, the Boards of Missions and Church Erection, &c.

Thereupon, in immediate connection with the adoption of this item, the following action was adopted :

Resolved, That the request be granted.

Resolved, That the classes of Erie, Heidelberg, St. John's and Cincinnati, shall meet in general convention in the Reformed Church, at Galion, Ohio, on Thursday, November 3, A. D. 1881, at seven o'clock in the evening, for the purpose of affecting the organization of the contemplated Synod, at which meeting the Rev. Herman J. Ruetenik, D. D., shall preside.

ACTION RELATING TO STATISTICS.

On motion the following action was adopted :

Resolved, That the statistical tables in the printed minutes of the different district synods shall be made the basis of the statistics for the General Synod.

Allegheny Classis, as reported in item 5, during the afternoon session on Tuesday, by the Committee on Official Reports of Classes, overtured General Synod in regard to an amendment of the statistical table. This item was referred to a special committee consisting of Revs. Samuel G. Wagner, D. D, Nathaniel H. Loose, and Elder John M. Hoffman. This committee, during Wednesday morning session, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted :

Your committee, to whom was referred the request of Allegheny Classis to the General Synod for a change in the statistical table, would beg leave to report that in their judgment the changes contemplated would be impracticable. They, would, however, recommend the addition of a column to the present statistical table, one which shall report the estimated value of the church property by the several congregations and charges of the Reformed Church. Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL G. WAGNER, *Chairman.*

ACTION RESPECTING THE LORAN CONGREGATION.

The Committee on the Minutes of General Synod, during Saturday afternoon session, reported in item 16, that the attention of the Ohio Synod was directed to certain difficulties with the Synod of the Northwest, respecting the Loran Congregation, in Stephenson County, Illinois.

The Committee on Minutes of Synod of the Northwest, during Tuesday evening session, item 7, reported that the Milwaukee Classis calls the attention of the General Synod to the difficulties in regard to the Loran Congregation, as not having complied with the request of the General Synod.

The subject matter of the aforesaid items was referred to a special committee consisting of Revs. Dr. D. E. Klopp, M. Loucks, J. B. Kniest, and Elder C. M. Boush, Esq. This committee, during the afternoon session of the last day of the sessions, submitted their report, which was received, and as amended adopted :

Your committee appointed in regard to certain difficulties pertaining to the Loran congregation, would report:

That they find that the General Synod at Lancaster, Pa., in 1878 (Minutes, page 73), recommended "that the attention of the Ohio Synod be directed to this condition of things." There seem to have existed some difficulties and troubles since 1874, leading to actions and counter-actions in the case, without reaching satisfactory and permanent results. In view of the facts and statements bearing on the case, as far as these are comprehended, the following action is suggested for adoption:

Resolved, That inasmuch as the Ohio Synod has already at several times acted in the case, the said Synod instruct the Northern Illinois Classis to drop the Loran congregation from its statistical report, and to transfer it to the Milwaukee Classis of the Synod of the Northwest. Respectfully submitted,

DAVID E. KLOPP, *Chairman*.

ACTION RESPECTING THE EVIL OF INTEMPERANCE.

Tiffin Classis, as reported in item 4, by the Committee on the Official Reports of English classes, during Tuesday afternoon session, overtured General Synod for some action respecting the evil of intemperance. The subject matter involved was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. Fred C. Bauman, Joseph B. Thompson, Thomas N. Reber, and Elder Richard L. Gray. This Committee, during the afternoon session of the last day of the sessions, presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your committee do not feel competent at this late stage in the proceedings, to formulate a fully satisfactory deliverance on the subject of intemperance. Suffice it to say that intemperance is a great and growing evil, and one that destroys the bodies and souls of thousands annually. No drunkard shall inherit the kingdom of God, and none such are fit for the communion of the Church of Christ. In Article 94 of the Constitution, intemperance is prominently mentioned as one of the sins which merit exclusion from the Church. It behooves the Church to guard well against having her sacraments profaned and her good name disgraced by ministers or members who are addicted to the habitual use of intoxicating drink.

At the same time there is reason to believe that great harm has resulted to the true cause of temperance by improper methods and behavior of many of the modern advocates of temperance. There can be no genuine reformation of any class of wrongdoers without the converting and sustaining grace of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. When men are made Christians, they will be honest, temperate, and law-abiding. Trusting in their own resolutions, or leaning on the arm of flesh, they will fail. Your committee offer the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Church of Christ is the true temperance society, and that our pastors and consistories are urged to exercise stricter discipline against all forms of vice, and especially the monster vice of intemperance, and to inculcate sound Christian sentiments on the subject of intemperance by precept and example.

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK C. BAUMAN, *Chairman*.

MANUAL OF HISTORY FOR REFORMED CHURCH.

The Minnesota Classis, as reported by the Committee on Official Reports of German classes, during the morning session of the last day of the sessions, in item 7, requested the General Synod to appoint another committee for the purpose of preparing a centennial historical sketch of the Reformed Church in the United States. Thereupon, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That Rev. Joseph H. Dubbs, D. D., be appointed to prepare a Manual of the origin, history, doctrines, government and customs of the Reformed Church in the United States, and report to the next General Synod.

FIXED TIME FOR BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.

The Synod of the Northwest, as reported in item 8, during the afternoon session of the last day of the sessions, by the Committee on Minutes of said Synod, requested the General Synod to fix upon a definite time when collections for the different objects of benevolence shall lifted. The subject matter of

this item, on motion, was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. Joseph B. Shumaker, D. D., Charles H. Leinbach, D. D., John Kretzing, Elders Henry Wirt and Thomas B. Geatrell; and this committee shall report to the next General Synod.

REPORT ON FORM OF CREDENTIALS.

The Committee on Minutes of General Synod, during the afternoon session on the fourth day of the sessions, in item 15, reported that the stated clerk and the assistant clerk were directed to prepare a blank certificate to be used as credentials for delegates to the General Synod. In answer to this the clerks submitted the following report, which was received and adopted :

We would report that in accordance with the instructions of the last General Synod, we prepared a blank form of certificate to be used as credentials for the delegates to the General Synod, and had printed five hundred copies in English, and three hundred in German; that copies thereof were furnished to the several stated clerks of the classes; and that a copy of the same, in both languages, is herewith submitted for the inspection of the Synod.

The expenses incurred for the printing of these certificates amounted to \$11.69.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. REITER, *Stated Clerk.*

JACOB DAHLMAN, *Assistant Clerk.*

DELEGATES OF WEST NEW YORK CLASSIS.

In making out the roll of General Synod, when the Classis of West New York was reached, objection was raised in regard to the number of delegates to which the Classis was entitled. Thereupon, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the matter in question be referred to a special committee, for the purpose of making an investigation as to how many delegates the West New York Classis is entitled to according to the Constitution.

The committee consists of Revs. Dr. David E. Klopp, John M. Titzel, Dr. John Kuelling, elders Christian M. Boush and Benjamin Kuhns. This committee, during Thursday morning session, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your committee to whom you have referred the matter of representation from the West New York Classis of the German Synod of the East, would report, that according to the action of the General Synod held at Fort Wayne, Indiana, in 1875, minutes, page 51, it finds that this Classis is entitled to one minister and one elder as delegates.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID E. KLOPP, *Chairman*;

On motion, the following action was adopted:

Resolved, That this General Synod recommends to the papers published in the interest of the Reformed Church, to keep permanently, in a proper place, in their publications, the corporate names of the different boards of the Church's benevolence.

ARTICLE XIX.

SYNODICAL ARCHIVES.

There was nothing occurred requiring action or record.

ARTICLE XX.

FINANCE.

The following reports and items of business claimed the attention of the General Synod during its present sessions:

I. REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF GENERAL SYNOD.

The Treasurer of General Synod submitted his report, which was received and referred to the the Committee on Finance. It is as follows:

WILLIAM D. GROSS, *Treasurer, in account with the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.*

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1878.

RECEIPTS.

May 16,	By balance in the treasury.....	\$1354 40
1879.		
Sep. 26,	" John J. Nissley, treasurer of the Synod in the United States.....	275 00
Nov. 26,	" Rev. Dr. J. H. Good, treasurer of the Ohio Synod.....	250 00
1880.		
	" C. Breidenbach, treasurer of German Synod of the East.....	80 00
Oct. 4,	" John J. Nissley, treasurer of the Synod in the U. S....	300 00
1881.		
May 3,	" Lewis H. Steiner, treasurer of Synod of the Potomac	260 00
May 13,	By Rev. Fred. Forwick, treasurer of Synod of the North-west.....	170 00
" "	" Thomas J. Craig, treasurer of Pittsburgh Synod.....	100 00
Total		<u>\$2789 40</u>

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EXPENDITURES.

May 16,	By Cash for traveling expenses to members of the Board of Home Missions, namely : Revs. Geo. B. Russell, D. D., \$7.26; D. E. Klopp, D. D., \$5.00; C. H. Leinbach, D. D., \$5.00; E. R. Eschbach, \$3.60; G. H. Johnston, \$12.85; J. S. Kieffer, \$3.75.....	37 46
" "	" Revs. J. Crawford, C. Cort, H. T. Spangler, reporters,	1 00
" "	" Printing tickets and samples of revised Constitution..	13 50
" "	" Consistory of First Reformed Church, Lancaster, Pa.	40 00
" "	" Rev. Henry Hanhart, as ordered by Synod, page 43....	150 00
" "	" Traveling expenses, in part, to following delegates :	
" "	" Rev. D. S. Fouse, of Iowa Classis.....	20 00
" "	" Elder Daniel Cort, of "	20 00
" "	" Elder Fred. Bolender, of Northern Illinois Classis.....	37 00
" "	" Rev. J. A. Keller, Kansas Classis.....	34 00
" "	" Elder Fred. Isley, "	20 00
" "	" Rev. Aug. Becker, Milwaukee Classis.....	13 15
" "	" Rev. F. P. Leich, "	13 15
" "	" Rev. J. H. C. Roentgen, Minnesota Classis.....	18 35
" "	" Elder Peter Mades, "	18 35
" "	" Rev. E. W. Henschen, Sheboygan Classis.....	10 00
" "	" Rev. John Blaetgen, "	16 00
" "	" Rev. John Rettig, Ursinus Classis.....	20 00
" "	" Rev. S. P. Myers, Shelby Classis.....	19 35
" "	" Elder John Runkel, "	17 70
" "	" Rev. G. Wm. Welker, D. D., North Carolina Classis...	7 00

Amount carried forward.....\$ 526 01

		Brought forward.....	\$526 01
May 31	"	Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., salary as stated clerk.....	125 00
Sep. 15	"	Rev. J. Dahlman, salary as assistant clerk.....	125 00
Oct. 22	"	Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., printing railroad orders, \$2.00; traveling expenses to Synod, \$30.00, and to Cincinnati, \$6.50; wrapping paper, mailing, expressage, \$7.50; postage on minutes and tract on office of deacon, \$37.80; printing 2,800 English Minutes, \$310.50; printing 7,000 tracts on office of deacon, \$14.00; stationary and postage \$15.00.....	423 30
Dec. 17	"	Rev. J. Dahlman, traveling expenses, expressage, etc.	8 10
"	"	Traveling expenses to members of Board of Home Missions, namely: Revs. G. B. Russell, D. D., \$7.50; C. R. Dieffenbacher, \$11.50; G. H. Johnston, \$3.00; W. H. H. Snyder, \$1.48; and J. O. Miller, D. D., \$1.37.....	24 85
"	"	Rev. Dr. H. J. Ruetenik, printing 1,000 German Minutes of the General Synod, and 5,000 tracts on the office of deacon.....	266 21
1879.			
June 23	"	Rev. E. R. Eschbach, traveling expenses incurred in attending General Synod of Lutheran Church, at Wooster, Ohio.....	23 50
Dec. 3	"	Traveling expenses of members of Peace Commission in attending its meeting at Harrisburg, Pa., namely: Revs. Dr. H. J. Ruetenik, \$24.50; L. H. Kefauver, \$26.50; J. M. Titzel, \$10.00; Dr. G. W. Welker, \$20.78; Dr. C. Z. Weiser, \$6.50; J. H. Apple, \$25.00; Dr. P. Greding, \$21.30; Dr. J. H. Good, \$24.35; Dr. F. W. Kremer, \$2.20; Dr. T. G. Apple, \$1.50; Dr. S. N. Callender, \$11.00; Elders A. H. Baughman, \$33.50; H. Tons, \$30.00; F. W. Scheele, \$36.00; C. M. Boush, \$25.00; L. H. Steiner, \$6.00....	304 13
"	"	Rev. Dr. S. N. Callender, for services as clerk for Peace Commission.....	10 00
"	"	Sexton First Reformed Church, Harrisburg, Pa., for services during the sessions of Peace Commission.	10 00
" 4,	"	T. F. Scheffer, for printing for Peace Commission.....	24 53
" 5,	"	Rev. Dr. D. Van Horne, traveling expenses to Harrisburg, Pa., to preside at organizing Peace Commission.....	4 20
1880.			
Mar. 25	"	Board of Home Missions, for printing circulars.....	5 87
May 18	"	Rev. J. Bachman, expenses as delegate to Synod of Evangelical Church, at St. Louis, Mo.....	15 00
1881.			
May 18	"	Balance in the treasury.....	893 70
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			\$2789 40
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The Treasurer of the General Synod would report that the Synod in the United States is delinquent to the amount of \$340.00, being a balance on apportionment.

The interest on the German Hymn-Book Fund of \$561.42 is as follows :

The interest on hand May 16, 1878.....	\$ 67 00
The interest for three years	101 04

Total.....	\$168 04
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Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM D. GROSS, *Treasurer.*

II. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Standing committee on Finance submitted the following report, which was received, and, together with the report of the Treasurer, adopted :

The Committee on Finance would respectfully offer the following report :

They have examined the Treasurer's report, with the accompanying vouchers, and find it to be correct. Together with a balance in the treasury, at the last meeting of Synod, of \$1354.40, the receipts within the past three years amounted to \$2,789.40; the disbursements within the same time amounted to \$1,895.70, leaving a balance in the treasury of \$893.70. It appears from the report of the treasurer that the respective apportionments have been paid by the several District Synods, with the exception of the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, from which a balance remains unpaid of \$340.00.

As regards the question, referred by the Synod to this committee, of what portion of the expenses of the members of the Peace Commission should be paid by the Synod, the committee have decided that the Synod shall pay the expenses of those Peace Commissioners who are not delegates to this Synod, together with the expenses of the delegate from the North Carolina Classis.

In order to meet the usual expenses of the Synod, together with the expenses above named, one-third of the traveling expenses of the delegates at this Synod, from classes beyond the Mississippi River, as ordered by Synod; the traveling expenses of the delegate from Kansas Classis, as likewise ordered by Synod; other items of expense referred by the Synod to this committee; and \$30.00 appropriated by this committee to the congregation in whose church the Synod is holding its sessions (\$15.00 to go the sexton, and \$15.00 to the officers of the congregation). The committee have estimated that \$2,500 will be required.

Of this amount the committee recommend the following apportionment to the several District Synods:

Synod in the United States.....	\$1080 00
Synod of the Potomac.....	440 00
Synod of Ohio.....	420 00
Synod of the Northwest.....	270 00
Synod of Pittsburgh.....	170 00
German Synod of the East.....	120 00
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	\$2500 00

The committee recommends for adoption the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States be requested to make immediate payment of the balance of \$340.00 still remaining unpaid of its indebtedness to the treasury of this Synod.

Resolved, That, in view of the embarrassed condition of the treasury, the attention of the classes be called to the necessity of making immediate payment of their several apportionments when brought to their notice.

Resolved, That in paying out moneys at present in the treasury, the treasurer be instructed to give precedence to the payment of the expense of printing and publishing the minutes of the General Synod.

As regards the matter of the claim against this Synod of Mr. George Gelbach, recent treasurer of the Church Extension Board, which matter was referred by the Synod to this committee, the committee would report that they have been unable

to ascertain either the exact amount at present remaining unpaid, or what particular amounts are due from the several synods or classes. They would recommend the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be directed to make out and send to each delinquent synod a statement of the amount still remaining due from each to George Gelbach, treasurer of the former Church Extension Board, and that the district synods see to it that this amount be assessed and paid by those classes which have not heretofore met their obligations.

Resolved, That the treasurer of this Synod be instructed to pay the claim of Mr. George Gelbach at his earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

J. SPANGLER KIEFFER, *Chairman*.

On motion, the following resolutions were adopted by Synod :

Resolved, That the question of what portion of the expenses of the members of the Peace Commission, in attendance upon the sessions of this General Synod, shall be paid by the Synod, be referred for decision to the Committee on Finance. (*See report of said committee.*)

Resolved, That the traveling expenses of the delegate to this General Synod from Kansas Classis, be paid by the treasurer.

Resolved, That one-third of the traveling expenses of the delegates to this General Synod from beyond the Mississippi River, be assumed by this Synod, and be referred to the Committee on Finance for apportionment.

Resolved, That the traveling expenses of Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., the retiring President of Synod, be paid by the treasurer of General Synod.

Resolved, That the treasurer of the General Synod be instructed to pay to the Committee on the Revision of the Constitution, the sum of \$54.63, for expenses incurred in the prosecution of their work.

ARTICLE XXI.

PUBLICATION.

The Stated Clerk of the General Synod, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted :

I would hereby report, in response to the inquiry under items 20 and 21, in the report of the Committee on Minutes of the General Synod, that, according to the instructions given, I had 2,800 copies of the Minutes of the last General Synod officially published in the English, and, through the assistant clerk, 1,000 copies in the German language ; and that they were distributed among the several district synods, according to the ratio of assessment made for contingent expenses.

Also, as directed by the General Synod, an official copy of the Minutes was furnished by mail to each ordained minister of the Reformed Church in the United States, to each delegated elder in attendance at the sessions of the last General Synod, to each of the several boards of the Synod, and to each of the several treasurers of the different district synods.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. REITER, *Stated Clerk.*

The following action, respecting the publication and distribution of the Minutes of the present General Synod, was adopted :

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be instructed to have 3,300 copies of the Minutes of the present General Synod, duly authenticated, published in the English, and 1,500 in the German language, and distribute them among those entitled to receive them.

ARTICLE XXII.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS.

The Standing Committee on Nominations, as the order of the day for eleven o'clock on Tuesday morning, submitted their report through the chairman, Rev. Franklin W. Kremer D. D. The report was received and adopted, and the Stated Clerk was

instructed to have a sufficient number of the nominations printed for the use of the General Synod.

The election was made the order of the day for Tuesday afternoon at four o'clock, and at the appointed time the election was held. Revs. Charles F. Kriete, Scott F. Hershey, Joel T. Rossiter, and elder John P. Reed were appointed tellers, who, having distributed the tickets among the members of Synod, received and counted the ballots, and subsequently reported the result to Synod. For the result of the election, see Articles XI., XIII., and XIV.

Subsequent to the completion of the roll of the General Synod, there being a quorum present, the several officers of the Synod, except those holding their positions permanently, were elected by acclamation. For the result of the election, see Article III., Election of Officers.

ARTICLE XXIII.

MISCELLANEOUS.

PLACE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING OF GENERAL SYNOD.

The Committee on Overtures, during the afternoon session on Monday, in item 4, reported that the Association of Ministers and Officers of the Reformed Churches of Baltimore, Md., invited the General Synod to hold its next triennial sessions in the Third Reformed Church of that city; and, in item 10, that the St. Paul's Church of Reading, Pa., also extended an invitation to General Synod to hold its next triennial meeting in that church. Thereupon, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That the General Synod now proceed to select a place and fix the time for its next triennial meeting.

The aforesaid places were put in nomination and considered. The election proceeded by calling the roll. The result was that the Third Reformed Church of Baltimore, Maryland, was chosen as the place, and that the Wednesday before the second Sunday in May (7th), A. D. 1884, at eight o'clock in the evening, was fixed as the time for the next triennial meeting of the General Synod.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

During the afternoon session of the third day (Friday) of the sessions, Revs. Samuel B. Yockey, Fred. C. Bauman, Chas. F. Kriete, Dr. H. H. W. Hibshman, Elders Ezra Williard and Henry Stoner were appointed a committee through whom all applications for leave of absence shall be made. This committee, shortly before the final adjournment of Synod, presented the following report, which was accepted :

Your Committee on Leave of Absence beg leave to report that the following named members of General Synod were, for reasons assigned, excused from further attendance upon its sessions at the time designated :

CLASSES.	NAMES.	TIME.
<i>East Pennsylvania.</i>	Rev. H. H. W. Hibshman, D. D.,	Wednesday A. M.
<i>Lebanon.</i>	“ Charles H. Leinbach, D. D.....	Tuesday P. M.
	Elder Henry Loose.....	Tuesday P. M.
<i>Philadelphia.</i>	“ Thomas B. Geatrell.....	Tuesday P. M.
	“ Abraham Schwenck.....	Wednesday A. M.
<i>West Susquehanna.</i>	Rev. John F. De Long.....	Tuesday P. M.
	Elder John H. Keller.....	Tuesday P. M.
	“ Richard Strubble.....	Tuesday P. M.
<i>Lehigh.</i>	“ Solomon Griesemer.....	Tuesday P. M.
	“ Solomon Boyer.....	Tuesday P. M.
<i>Miami.</i>	“ Joseph F. Kemp.....	Wednesday A. M.
	“ Benjamin Kuhns.....	Wednesday A. M.
<i>Lancaster, O.</i>	“ George Holman.....	Tuesday P. M.
<i>Tuscarawas.</i>	“ John Weimer, M. D.....	Saturday P. M.
	“ Ephraim K. Kremer.....	Wednesday A. M.
<i>Eastern Ohio.</i>	“ John Williard.....	Wednesday A. M.
<i>St. Joseph.</i>	“ J. I. Frager.....	Wednesday A. M.
	“ Jacob Pfeiffer.....	Wednesday A. M.
<i>Cincinnati.</i>	“ Henry Schroer.....	Tuesday A. M.
	Rev. Oswald J. Accola.....	Wednesday A. M.
<i>Zion's (West)</i>	“ William Hansen.....	Monday P. M.
<i>Sheboygan.</i>	“ Jacob Hauser.....	Tuesday P. M.
<i>Indiana.</i>	“ John F. H. Dieckman.....	Tuesday P. M.
	“ John J. Janett.....	Tuesday P. M.
<i>Minnesota.</i>	Elder Henry Rugenmeier.....	Monday P. M.
<i>Somerset.</i>	“ John Musser.....	Friday P. M.
<i>Allegheny.</i>	Rev. Thomas F. Stauffer.....	Monday P. M.
<i>St. Paul's.</i>	Elder Christian M. Boush, Esq.....	Tuesday P. M.
<i>Zion's (East).</i>	Rev. Jacob O. Miller, D. D.....	Wednesday A. M.
	“ Francis S. Lindaman.....	Wednesday A. M.

CLASSES.	NAMES.	TIME
<i>Mercersburgh.</i>	Elder John Bowman.....	Wednesday A. M.
	“ Joshua L. Reifsneider.....	Wednesday A. M.
	“ J. Rawm Pague.....	Wednesday M.
<i>West New York.</i>	Rev. John B. Kniest.....	Wednesday P. M.
	Elder Christian R. Mennig.....	Saturday P. M.
<i>West Pennsylvania.</i>	Rev. Charles A. Limberg.....	Tuesday P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL B. YOCKEY, *Chairman.*

REPORTERS OF GENERAL SYNOD.

During Thursday morning session, on motion, Revs. Cyrus Cort, Michael Loucks, J. David Miller, Aug. E. F. Schade, Darius W. Gerhard, and Joel T. Rossiter, were appointed to report the proceedings of this General Synod for the press. The reporters, during the afternoon session of the last day of the session, presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your committee, appointed to furnish the Daily and Associated Press with an account of General Synod's proceedings, respectfully report as follows :

That they have, either directly or indirectly, furnished reports for the daily papers in Tiffin, Cleveland, Dayton, Altoona, Philadelphia, Lancaster, (Pa.,) and Baltimore. We regret to state that the Associated Press agents or managers failed to afford any facilities for the general transmission of the proceedings to the daily papers in all parts of the country. The expenses of your committee amounted to \$1.90.

Respectfully submitted,

CYRUS CORT, *Chairman.*

THE PASTOR AND THE PEOPLE.

During the morning session of the sixth day of the sessions, by permission of Synod, Rev. Samuel Mease, D. D., made a statement in regard to a publication issued by him, entitled "The Pastor and the People," and laid a copy thereof before Synod. This statement, together with the copy of said publication, was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs.

Henry M. Kieffer, James G. Dengler, Oswald J. Accola, elders Richard L. Gray and John C. Allen. This committee, during the afternoon session of the last day of the sessions, presented the following report, which was received and adopted :

Your committee appointed on the subject of "The Pastor and the People," a magazine issued bi-monthly under the editorial management of Rev. Samuel Mease, D. D., of Dayton, Ohio, beg leave to submit the following action :

Resolved, That "The Pastor and People," a magazine devoted to the interests of Christian instruction and culture, be and is hereby cordially recommended to the favorable consideration and patronage of our pastors, and to all engaged in the work of teaching, as a valuable assistant in their work.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY M. KIEFFER, *Chairman.*

MONUMENTS OF OLEVIANUS AND URSINUS.

On motion the following action respecting a monument to the memory of Casper Olevinus was adopted by the Synod :

Resolved, That this General Synod has heard with pleasure of the intention of the German Synod of the East to erect a suitable monument to Casper Olevinus, one of the two revered authors of our Catechism, and that it recommends this enterprise to the liberality of the Church, whose gratitude as a whole is to be represented in its erection.

Also, on motion, the following action was adopted :

Resolved, That the German Synod of the East be respectfully requested to inquire as to the condition of the monument of Zacharias Ursinus, D. D., one of the revered authors of the Heidelberg Catechism.

ACTION RESPECTING REV. SAMUEL R. FISHER, D. D.

The following action in regard to Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D. D., in view of his serious affliction, was adopted by the General Synod during its closing session on Wednesday afternoon, May 25th, namely :

Inasmuch as this General Synod has learned with great anxiety of the serious illness of the venerable and revered Dr. Samuel R. Fisher, an aged and active servant in the Reformed Church in the United States, who came to this synod to discharge an important duty assigned him; therefore,

Resolved, That this General Synod hereby expresses its prayerful sympathy with our afflicted brother, and that we commend him to the prayers of his brethren, and devoutly invoke upon him the comfort and sustaining grace of our heavenly Father.

Resolved, That the brethren, Revs. J. David Miller, Dr. David E. Klopp, and Elder Goldsborough S. Griffith, together with the resident clergy of Tiffin, be requested by this synod to render our suffering brother such services, as under the direction of his physician, may be necessary.

During the morning session on Monday, a communication was received from Messrs. Geo. T. Donaldson and J. D. Snyder, photographers of Tiffin, Ohio, proposing, with the approval of the General Synod, to take the picture of each officer and ministerial delegate of this Synod for the purpose of forming them into a group. In regard to this proposition, on motion, the following action was adopted:

Resolved, That the proposition of Messrs. Donaldson and Snyder be accepted with thanks.

During the last day of the sessions, a communication from the Superintendent of the German Publishing House at Cleveland, Ohio, containing a proposition in regard to the Hymnal, was presented to the General Synod, and laid on the table for the present. Afterwards the paper was taken up and discussed. Then it was moved to refer it to the Committee on the English Hymn-Book. Thereupon, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That the reference be laid on the table indefinitely.

ARTICLE XXIV.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

VOTE OF THANKS.

On motion, the following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That this General Synod returns its hearty thanks to the pastors and members of the First and Second Reformed Churches and to other citizens of Tiffin, for having so kindly and generously entertained its delegates and advisory members during their stay in their midst ; and that the said pastors be requested to read this action to their respective congregations at an early date, as well as have it published in the papers of Tiffin.

Resolved, That the stated clerk be instructed to tender the thanks of this General Synod to these railroad companies, namely, the Pittsburgh, Ft. Wayne & Chicago, the Cincinnati, Sandusky & Cleveland, the Columbus & Toledo, the Columbus & Hocking Valley, and the Pennsylvania Railroad and branches, for permitting the members of synod to pass over their respective roads at reduced fare.

The roll of the General Synod was called, and none were found absent without permission or excuse.

The minutes of the last day of the sessions were read and approved ; and they were then adopted as a whole, and ordered to be engrossed.

ARTICLE XXV.

ADJOURNMENT.

Resolved, That the General Synod now adjourns to meet again in triennial sessions, in the Third Reformed Church, in Baltimore, Maryland, on Wednesday before the second Sunday in May (7th), A. D., 1884, at eight o'clock in the evening.

The General Synod adjourned on Wednesday, May 25, at four o'clock in the afternoon, and closed its sessions with singing, prayer, joining in the repetition of the Apostles' Creed, and the benediction by Rev. Samuel G. Wagner, D. D.

JEREMIAH H. GOOD, *President.*

ISAAC H. REITER, *Stated Clerk.*

Official copy from the original Minutes.

ISAAC H. REITER, *Stated Clerk.*

STATISTICAL REPORTS.

THE SYNODS AND THE CLASSES.

MINISTERS AND LICENTIATES.	CHARGES.	Congregants.		Members.		Unconfirmed.		Bap- tisms.		Addi- tions.		Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommu'd.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. School Scholars.	Contributions.		P. O. ADDRESS.	
		Congregants.	Members.	Unconfirmed.	Infants.	Adults.	Confirm- ations.	Certifi- cates.	Ben- e- vol- ent Pur- poses.	Congrega- tional Pur- poses.											
1. SYNOD IN U. S.																					
L. East Pa. Classis.																					
Cyrus J. Becker.	Howertown.	2	688	594								630	4		2	13	7	190	\$103 00	\$1381 00	Catasauqua, Pa.
Daniel F. Brendle.	Farmersville.	3	610	300	37		31	455	4			455			16	14	1	335	200 00	2700 00	Bethlehem, "
Isaac K. Loos.	Bethlehem.	1	520	415	42	1	31	447	4			447			23	4			170 00	1360 00	" "
E. W. Reinecke, D. D.	Plainfield.	3	800	475	40	1	26	350				350			1	9	3	230	10 00	2800 00	Nazareth, "
Robert Lisberger.	St. Peters.	3	150	80	50	20	20	140	1			140			1	9	3	230	10 00	2800 00	Bath, "
Martin A. Smith.	Dryland.	3	825	625	40	1	61	540	2			540			11	5	450	1	132 00	1500 00	Nazareth, "
Thomas C. Porter, D. D.	3d St. Ref. Easton.	3	825	625	40	1	61	540	2			540			160	11	1	319	1731 00	5147 00	Easton, "
Chas A. Ritterhouse.	Without charge.	1	403	250	18	3	14	310	8			310									Trappe, "
Horatio Daniel.	"																				Nazareth, "
Daniel Y. Heisler.	Grace Ch. Easton.	1	76	65	13		3	71	2			71			2	5	1	96	29 00	712 00	Easton, "
Tilghman O Stem.	St. Marks.	1	220	120	19		9	175	3			175				4	1	235	79 00	1425 00	" "
Charles Becker.	Without charge.																				" "
Thomas A. Huber.	Brodheads-ville.	4	635	455	70		76	425	1			425				30	4	370	68 00	800 00	Weissport, "
Joseph E. Freeman.	Weissport.	4	555	273	72	1	52	363	7			363				34	10	574	51 00	1935 00	Brodhe'd'sville
John J. Crist.	Catasauqua.	1	136	150	10		6	90	2			90			2	6	1	130	31 00	511 00	Catasauqua, "
Vacant.	Hamilton.	5	225	145	32		21	187	2			187				12	6	215	64 00	600 00	" "
H. H. W. Hibshman DD	Mount Bethel.	4	532	378	30	3	20	480	1			480			1	14	6	410	186 00	1320 00	Stone Church
John E. Smith.	Moore Township.	3	600	435	18		22	425				425				18	6	370	42 00	962 00	Bath, "
I. K. Loos, supply.	Rittersville.	1	105	90	9		1	85				85				4	1	60	21 00	160 00	Bethlehem, "
N. Z. Snyder, supply.	Freemansburg.	1	133	85	21		11	98	6			98				3	1	110	31 03	600 00	S. Bethlehem, "
James W. Mabry.	Kreidersville.	2	709	575				538				538									Cherryville, "
W. D. C. Rodrock.	"																				" "
Fred. H. Schwartz.	Without charge.																				Robesonia, "
Jas. W. Gilland, Lic.	"																				" "
Total, 19		43	7922	5510	521	10	403	75	5809	41	184	211	68	4094	9	2948	00	23913	00		

MINISTERS AND LICENTIATES.	CHARGES.	Congregatns.	Members.	Members Unconfrmed	Bap- tisms.		Addi- tions.		Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommu'd	Erased.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. School Scholars.	Stu'dts for M.	Contributions.		P. O. ADDRESS.
					Infants	Adults.	Confirm	Certifi's									Benev. Purposes	Congrega- Purposes	
2. <i>Lebanon Classis.</i>																			
John Gring.	Superannuated.	8	1800	900	180	4	103		1624				62	13	600	1	310 32	2950 00	Fred'cksburg, Pa
Aaron S. Leinbach.	Schwartzwald.	1	925	700	103	5	40	9	600	97		6	18	2	525		575 00	2400 00	Reading, "
F. W. Kremer, D. D.	1st. Church, Leb'n.	2	765	500	36		20	8	665	2			20	7	590		75 00	2198 14	Lebanon, "
Jacob Klein.	Jernsalem Church	4	460	310	29	2	20	4	385	3			13	4	275		128 00	1125 00	Schuyl. Haven "
J. E. Hiester, D. D.	Annnville.	1	470	300	28		19		400	7			12	1	378		784 00	2212 00	Annnville, "
Chas. F. McCauley, DD	2d Ch. Reading.	5	1190	900	105		63	5	1153	10		12	35	20	800	1	483 10	1500 00	Reading, "
Thos. Calvin Leinbach	Bernville.	1	450	300	38	2	20	20	419	16		4	10	1	230	1	359 39	1415 00	Womelsdorf, "
George Wolff, D. D.	Myerstown.	1	590	300	31		17	17	525	13			11	1	390	1	590 00	6108 85	Myerstown, "
Benj. Bausman, D. D.	St. Paul's Mem. Ch	1	220	100	13	1	19	8	160				8	1	170		482 00	2000 00	Reading, "
Thos. S. Johnston, D. D.	St. John's, Leba'n.	5	1255	600	57	4	60	8	1070	7		3	21	6	420	2	415 00	2150 00	Lebanon, "
C. H. Leinbach, D. D.	Tulpehocken.	1	130	95	26	1	19	7	105	6		4	12	1	139		50 00	800 00	Stonchsburg, "
John Phil. Stein.	Trinity ch, Pottsv.	1	140	100	11		19		120	3			7	1	150		60 00	400 00	Pottsville, "
" " supply.	Grace ch, Cressona	4	400	280	38	1	17	1	225				6	3	125		30 00	220 00	"
Eli E. Hiester.	Pinegrove.	1	32	28					37	5				1	60		61 00		Friedensburg, "
Daniel B. Albright.	Bethany Or. Home	1	525	350	42		31	12	490	7			16	1	4.5	1	310 00	2400 00	Womelsdorf, "
Wm. M. Reily, Ph. D.	Prof. Pal. College.	1																	Myerstown, "
Henry A. Keyser.	St. Paul's.	1	240	200	26		13		185				7	1	225		106 75	1800 00	Mahanoy City, Fla.
Chas. H. Mutchler.	Mis'n'y in Florida	4	1100	690	96	2	70	3	955	5			50	6	500		150 21	2000 00	Gansville, Fla.
John O. Johnson.	St. John's.	5	560	450	31		37		352				11	5	608	1	106 95	1100 00	Schuyl. Haven Pa
Wm. F. P. Davis.	Sinking Spring.	1	1230	700	75	4	123	26	860	11			34	1	698		607 00	3918 00	Reading, "
Henry Leisse.	First Church.	4	790	200	77	1	48	1	665	2		150	28	5	300		56 54	1773 41	Orwigsburg, "
Richard S. Appel.	Scharlesville.	5	990	450	67	8	92	14	671	8			34	7	400		1100 00	2400 00	Hamburg, "
Martin L. Fritch.	Alleghany.	1	340	250	54	1	26	37	289	14			7	2	380		75 00	2500 00	Reading, "
John W. Steinmetz.	St. John's.	1	190	100	17		12	18	175				2	1	150		10 00	500 00	"
Christian Baun.	1st Ch., Pottsville.	1	343	120	40		23		260				21	1	185	1	138 65	370 00	Hegins, Minn.
Moses Peters.	St. John's, Hamb'g	1	225	75	30	2	27	12	175				2	1	210		900 00		Winona, Minn.
Jacob G. Neff.	Trinity.	1											2	1					Shenandoah, Pa.

Adam J. Bachman.	3	550	300	66	13	51	3	350	2	5	20	4	250	1	33 00	1100 00	Schaefferstown, Pa.
Allen R. Bartholomew	4	424	301	33	2	12	4	373	1	11	11	4	270	220 00	220 00	1275 00	Jonestown, "
John J. Fisher.	1	150	115	22	18	12	10	110	4	13	13	3	480	117 48	50 00	700 00	Tamaqua, "
Supply, G. Wolf, D. D.	3	500	325	18	16	7	6	400	3	7	7	2	75	27 53	450 00		
Sup., J. W. Steinmetz,	1	180	85	16	25	14		160	3	9	9	2	220	60 00	400 00		
Supply, M. Christman.	3	240	140	25	17	10		205	3	3	3	2	110	22 61	70 00		
Supply, M. Peters.	2	178	75	17				113									
Sup., T. C. Leimbach.	2	320	225	4		12		81		4	4	1	1	17 00	89 95		Reading, Pa.
Supply, Henry Leisse.	1	85						18		2	2	2	290	3 76	97 67		Reading, Pa.
Charles H. Coon.	2	111	50										202				Norristown, Pa.
Fred. W. Dechant,																	Meyerstown, "
James A. Shultz,																	Lewisburg, "
G. W. Aughinbaugh,																	Hamburg, "
John C. Bucher,																	Kentland, Ind.
Joseph H. Schlappig,																	Orefield, Pa.
Aaron H. Leiss,																	
Benjamin F. Biery, lic																	
Total, 40	83	18013	10124	1457	53	1035	233	15385	226	193	549	114	10572	12	7587 55	49423 02	
3. <i>Philadelphia Classis.</i>																	
Jesse B. Knipe,	2	145	20	2	3	3		142	2		3	2	75	100 00	350 00		Chester Sp'gs, Pa
" " supply	1	200	30	4	1	1		160				1	50	30 00	225 00		" " "
Daniel Feete,																	Norristown, Pa.
J. H. A. Bomberger	1	220		4	7	15	2	175			15	8	1	50 00	800 00		Collegeville, "
DD St. Luke's,																	" " "
Peter S. Davis, D. D.																	907 Arch St. Phil
Editor Messenger,																	Frankford, Pa.
Charles Lukens,																	Camden, N. J.
Without Charge.																	
Charles W. Shultz,																	
D. Ernest Klopp, D. D.	1	342	70	32	7	30	10	290	15	5	6	3	420	250 00	3900 00	1541 N. 7th St	Ph
Trinity,																	
George H. Johnston,	1	187	68	4		2	14	138	3		8	1	176	808 00	4900 00	2301 Green St,	Ph
Christ Church,																	
Maxwell S. Rowland,	1	246		5	11	15	3	130			8	1	70	44 00	1831 00	Spring City, Pa.	
David Van Horne, D. D.	1	201	22	6	2	7	9	157	1		3	1	225	255 00	3000 00	1140 Mt. Ver'n St	
Wm. C. Hendrickson,																	Bristol, Pa.
Without Charge.																	
St. John's Mission,	1	92	57	9	2	3	9	80		1	1	2	1	23 00	614 00	W'yming, Del.	
E. H. Diefenbacher,																	
Joseph Hannabery,	1	55	27	4	2	4	5	52						7 00	100 00	Ridgely, Md.	

*Resigned:—*Revs. Knipe, Rowland, and Diefenbacher.

MINISTERS AND LICENTIATES.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms.		Additions.		Commenced.	Discontinued.	Erased.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. School Scholars.	Studies for M.	Contributions.		P. O. ADDRESS.
					Infants.	Adults.	Confir- mation.	Certh's.								Benef. Purposes.	Congrega- tional Purposes.	
Jos. Hannabery, sup.	Zion's Mission,	1	15	20					15									Ridgely, Md.
Charles G. Fisher,	Sup. R. C. Pub. Bd.																	907 Arch St. Phil
Henry Van Haagen, lic.	Prof. Ursinus Col.	1	195	80	5	4	12	7	164	6	2	6	1	140		60 00	1600 00	Collegeville, Pa.
Henry M. Kieffer,	Ascension,	1	144		4	3	9	21	130	2		5	1	160		50 00	800 00	Norristown, "
Josiah D. Detrich,	Whitemarsh,	1	130		8	7	21	2	125	2		4	1	125		119 00	900 00	"
" " sup.	North Wales,	1	208	99	2	7	12	3	172	1		4	2	200		20 00	750 00	"
John H. Seehler,	Boehms,	1	257	40	5	17	12	4	200	3		1	2	200		169 00	832 00	Centre Square "
Uriah Weidner,	Pleasantville,	1	254	94	17	12	41	55	244	4		4	1	385	1	260 00	3850 00	Chalfant,
James I. Good,	Heidelberg,	1	90	44	4	2	4	13	60	6		1	1	1		10 00	700 00	1515 N 13th St Ph
J. Samuel Vandersloot,	St. John's Mission,	1	82	26	7	2	5	7	75	2		1	4	1		35 00	537 00	437 N. 10th St. Ph.
Abraham B. Stover,	Trinity,	3	415		12	8	15	1	279	11		1	8	235		46 00	4325 00	Norristown, Pa.
George S. Sorber,	Brownback's,	1	81	20	5	4	5	4	79			3	1	112		67 00	1670 00	Vincent, "
Levi D. Stambaugh,	St. Matthew's,																	Uwelland, "
Total 28		23	3555	718	139	82	204	148	2867	58	25	80	25	2944	1	2403 00	31704 00	
4. Lancaster Classics.																		
John G. Fritchey,	Without Charge.																	Lancaster City, Pa
J. W. Nevin, D. D. L. L. D.	Retired.																	"
William T. Gerhard,	Without Charge.																	"
Em'l V. Gerhard, D. D.	St. Stephen's,	1	84	13	2	1	1	1	84	3		1				524 84	107 10	"
Theo. Appel, D. D.	Sup't Missions.																	"
Alfred B. Shenkle,	Supply.																	"
Samuel Kuhn,	Hanover,	4	244	107	10	4	9	3	197	1		3	4	90		78 29	586 45	Millersville, "
Thos. G. Apple, D. D.	Prof. Theol. Sem'y																	Hummelstown "
Jos. H. Dubbs, D. D.	Prof. F. & M. Col.																	Lancaster City, "
Fred. A. Gast, D. D.	Prof. Theol. Sem'y																	"
John A. Peters,	1st Ch. Lancaster,	1	336	150	22	3	16	18	315	9	17	14	1	300		607 00	1780 00	"

Wm. H. H. Snyder, Darius W. Gerhard, Jos. B. Shumaker, D. D. Stephen Schweitzer, Daniel C. Tobias, Calvin S. Gerhard, James Crawford, Geo. W. Snyder, John S. Stahr, J. H. Pannabecker, Wm. F. Lichliter, David B. Shuey, Louis F. Zinkhan, Jairus P. Moore, Allen R. Thompson, 1) Simon P. Brown, Monroe P. Zeller,	1	331	150	12	1	14	7	276	10	14	1	375	10-6 71	2786 00	Harrisburg, Pa.	
Salem, New Holland, St. Paul's, Reamstown, Bethany, Columbia, Rec. F. & M. Acad. 2d Ch. Harrisburg, Prof. F. & M. Col. Elizabethtown, St. Luke's, New Providence, Manheim, Millersville, Hummelstown, 1) Marietta, Willow Street, 2) Maytown, 2) Zwingli, 3) Licentiate,	4	365	150	14	22	43	5	336	4	13	3	215	200 89	16-0 00	New Holland "	
	1	276	125	7	4	11	8	240	6	1	5	241	463 00	37-2 00	Lancaster City "	
	5	635	185	48	16	83	585	8		24	4	110	725 00	Lancaster, "		
	4	375	210	29	7	24	8	300		8	2	150	54 00	590 00	Litz, "	
	1	170	120	14	3	13	13	131		5	1	213	93 04	960 00	Columbia, "	
	1	113	69	4		6	7	78	1	3	1	281	82 00	691 00	Lancaster, "	
	2	121	55		6	6	9	91		1	4	1	53 00	605 00	Elizabethtown "	
	1	36	23	11		9	6	31	1			75	5 00	2123 00	Lancaster, "	
	2	202	141	4	8	26	11	167	3	2	2	239	74 35	1407 30	New Provid'ce "	
	2	1-1	65	6	5	7		120	2	4	2	220	191 00	641 00	Manheim, "	
	3	287	90	16	11	20	7	227	10	7	3	175	481 00	1200 00	Millersville, "	
	1	77	70	4		1	3	52	4	5	1	65	188 29	500 00	Lionville, "	
	1	63	27	27	5	13	5	50				120	182 00	Marietta, "		
	31			2		5	2	30				50	1 30	200 00	Willow Street, "	
	80	27	13	4	7			55		4	1	86	8 02	289 75	Maytown, "	
	50	20	7					30		2	1			220 00	Harrisburg, "	
															Lancaster, "	
Total 27	38	4051	1797	252	100	314	104	3395	62	24	113	32	3190	2 4353 73	21055 60	
5. <i>East Susquehanna</i> <i>Classis,</i>																
Rudolph Duenger, Aaron R. Hottenstein, Alfred Houtz, Tilghman Derr, Henry S. Bassler, William G. Engle, Geo. B. Dechant, John K. Millet,	1	296	240	39		27		274	2	14	1	160	53 00	600 00	Ashland, Pa.	
	7	523	3-0	67		22	1	462		17	8	320	137 00	888 00	Greenbrier, "	
	4	230	124	6	2	9		222	4	2	4	240	115 00	745 00	Orangeville, "	
	6	440	275	34	1	23		347		15	7	260	103 00	1300 00	Berwick, "	
															Millersburg, "	
	5	575	325	112	4	57		470		44	5	370	96 00	900 00	Conyngham, "	
	6	700	230	60		28	1	45	3	25	6	400	90 00	1300 00	Pillow, "	
	4	475	500	55		8	2	340		29	6	330	110 00	9 0 00	Catawissa, "	
	3	450	350	15	1	38	3	410	6	5	8	320	140 00	1400 00	McEwensville "	

1. Dismissed to Philadelphia Classis. 2. Supplied by Rev. A. B. Shenkle. 3. Supplied by Rev. J. G. Fritchey.

Isaac S. Stahr,	2	133	103	3	1	7	7	99	14	4	2	120	32 00	542 00	Lock Haven, Pa.
Stephen S. Kohler,	4	243	195	32	2	13	13	195	6	11	1	100	62 00	556 00	New Berlin, "
Samuel M. Roeder,	3	285	182	18	4	28	6	248	3	2	2	160	229 00	1240 00	Centre Hall, "
Adam C. Whitmer,	3	475	220	13	3	26	17	390	8	8	3	200	400 00	1300 00	Mifflinburg, "
John F. DeLong,	2	160	100	3	1	10	4	117			2	90	135 00	1170 00	Bellefonte, "
Robert L. Gerhart,	2	325	180	2	1	23	2	280	5	1	2	320	189 00	1250 00	Lewisburg, "
Chas. W. E. Siegel,	3	253	190	6		15	10	187		6	2	115	350 00	800 00	Aaronsburg, "
Joshua H. Dear,	1	175	160	4	1	1	4	100	1	2	1	115	92 00	980 00	Williamsport, "
Lewis C. Edmonds,	6	550	300	49		37		449	3	15	4	400			Beaver Springs, "
Vacant,	6	244	300	35				207	5	14	8	270	50 00	793 00	Oriental, "
Prof. Daniel M. Wolf,															Penn Hall, "
David G. Klein,															Walker, "
William R. Yearick,															Walker, "
Abraham Romich,															Philadelphia, "
Willoughby Donat,															Steinsville, "
Franklin W. Brown,															Brandon, Iowa.
Total 19.	54	4457	3140	289	21	274	96	3746	40	26	102	48	2265 00	14067 00	
<i>7. Goshenhoppen</i>															
<i>Classis.</i>															
Clem't Z. Weiser, D. D.	2	900	500	46	2	40	13	800	3	38	2	500	749 00	2000 00	E. Greenville, Pa.
Augustus L. Dechant,	4	650	225	42	2	12	6	558	4	39	5		162 00	1200 00	Pennsburg, "
Lawrence D. Leberman	3	825		52	5	23	4	820	2	19	3		96 00		Pottstown, "
Lucian J. Mayer,	3	824	597	57	1	20	8	796	11	29	1	130	213 00	2525 00	Boyetown, "
Simon M. K. Huber,	3	765	300	36	10	49	11	600	7	33	2	240	171 00	825 00	Worcester, "
Eli Keller,	3	755	420	65	2	12	2	690	8	27	4	440	334 00		Zionsville, "
L. Kryder Evans,	4	755	420	65	2	12	2	690	8	27	4	350	231 00	1969 00	Pottstown, "
Ph. P. A. Hoffman, sup	1	560	395	37	5	30	11	510	7	23	1	200	12 00	75 00	Boyetown, "
Franklin J. Mohr, "	2	300				20		257		9	5	60	25 00	250 00	Quakertown, "
Daniel E. Schoedler,	1	85	65	2		29	3	79	4	4	1	225	1 90 00		Oley, "
Lewis C. Herman,	4	660	350	52			1	513		17	4				Carlisle, "
Henry L. Gerhart,															Soudertown, "
Charles S. Wieand,															Pennsburg, "
Total 12	27	6324	2852	389	27	235	59	5623	46	238	28	2145	6 2083 00	8844 00	

*Supplied by Rev. O. H. Strunck. †Supplied by Rev. A. S. Stauffer. ‡Last year's report.

N. S. Strassburger,	Zion's Ref. Ch'rch	1	580	365	37		20	10	417	7	34	18	1	341	317	00	1792	00	Allentown, Pa.	
Edward J. Fogel,	Jordan,	4	800	600	64		55		740	4		39	12	2	251	00	1500	00	Fogelsvill, "	
Samuel A. Leinbach,	Egypt,	3	500	485	30		19	1	430	2		15	9	390	1	103	00	1400	00	Coplay, "
Saml G. Wagner, D. D.	St. John's,	1	427	195	9	1	22	21	327	8		11	1	310	1	259	00	13092	00	Bx. 411, Allentown
Levi K. Derr,	Without Charge,																			Slatington, Pa.
Fred. H. Schwartz,	Without Charge,																			Robesonia, "
Alfred J. G. Dubbs,	Salem's Ref. Ch.	1	550	300	120	2	41	44	470	12	25	49	1	600	1	200	00	3700	00	Allentown, "
Benjamin Wags,	Leubartsville,	4	530	290	50		34		410	2		14	7	250	1	125	00	2500	00	Leubartsville, "
William J. Kershner,	Christ's Ref. Ch.	1	126	125	16		10	31	75	1	6	6	1	180		8	00	800	00	Allentown, "
Thomas N. Reber,	Macungie,	3	640	300	64		17	1	360	5		21	5	375	1	127	00	1775	00	Macungie, "
James N. Bachman,	Jacksonville,	3	781	450	73		40	2	590	3	1	31	6	500		85	00	1000	00	Stony Run, "
Nathan C. Schaeffer,	Prof. State Nor. Sch																			Kutztown, "
Isaac E. Graeff,	Tamaqua,	1	285	218	25		19		216			8	1	150	1	61	00	825	00	Tamaqua, "
William J. Peters,	Slatington,	2	460	270	83		39	2	380	4		12	3	290		260	00	749	00	Slatington, "
John H. Hartman,	Lehighton cong.	1	194	170	16		14		153			4	1	315	1	50	00	600	00	Lehighton, "
Nevin W. A. Helfrich,	His Father's ass't.																			Fogelsville, "
Chas. T. Heimberger,	Missionary,																			Allentown, "
John H. Leinbach,	Kutztown,	1	500	100	10		30		273			15	2	300				500	00	Reading, "
Sup'ly, J. N. Bachman	Lowhill congrega.	1																		
" Dr. Helfrich,	Lymtown cong.	1																		
" B. Weiss,	Blandon cong.	1	140	74	9				110	1		2	1	80		9	00	350	00	
" I. E. Graeff,	Summit Hill cong	1	70	98	9		10		59	2		3	1	70		18	00	225	00	Allentown, "
" A. J. G. Dubbs,	Emmaus cong.	1	50	8	8		12					2	1			19	00			"
Jared Fritzing,	Without Charge.																			"
Tobias Kessler,	"																			"
Jacob S. Hartzell,	"																			"
Total 25		51	9393	5875	1014	7	546	117	7473	115	66	380	88	5551	11	2574	00	37425	00	
II. SYNOD OF OHIO.																				
1. Miami Classis.																				
David Winters, D. D.	Mt. Zion,	2	220	75	4	5	6	10	210			2	2	120		60	00	1150	00	Dayton, O.
Samuel B. Yockey, D.	Xenia,	2	296		2	6	8	1	250	5		3	2	200		215	00	1500	00	Xenia, "
Henry M. Herman, D.	Miamisburg,	1	340	140	11	6	9	13	325	3	18	6	1	275		100	00	2550	00	Miamisburg, "
	West Alexandria,	3	429	107	7	9	20	4	395	1		11	3	450		73	00	4500	00	W. Alexandria, "
James T. Hale,	Fairfield,	3	250	250	6				250				3	180		25	00	900	00	Fairfield, "
Daniel R. Taylor,	Union,	4	359	62	12	9	11	6	292	23	24	4	4	340		7	00	2000	00	North Hampton, "
G. Wm. H. Smith,	Cesar's Creek,	2	170	39	13	10	33	4	150				2	115		43	00	660	00	Xenia, "

1. Served Miamisburg congregation since September 1, 1881.

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					Infants	Adults.	Confirm	Certifs									Benev. Purposes.	Congrega- Purposes.	
G. Wm. H. Smith, sup	Highland	2	192	23	13	12	18	2	170	2	9	7	4	2	200	200	21 00	2561 00	Xenia, O.
George V. Mechling.	Hamilton	2	70	85	5	7	3	4	65	3			1	1	90		350 00	350 00	Hamilton, "
	Port Jefferson	3	182	80	5	3	4		145	3			1	1	195		16 00	856 00	Sidney, "
William A. Hale.	First Ch. Dayton	1	358		14	3	12	24	300	6		3	3	1	175		2062 00	2062 00	Dayton, "
Milton F. Frank.	Farnersville	2	239	134	7	3	15	2	170	4		3	4	2	209		15 00	800 00	Farnersville, "
John Stuck.	Mt. Pleasant	4	182	50	19	28	37	6	160	2		3	4	3	215		18 00	1240 00	Hillgrove, "
Jacob M. Le Fevre.	St. Paris	3	297	150	3	2	13	1	230				5	3	260		9 00	600 00	Sidney, "
Jacob Weaver.	Salem	2	42	3					40								11 00		Sidney, "
Richard B. Reichard.	Springboro	1	96	33	1	1	1	2	75				2	1	70	1	130 00	470 00	Springboro, "
Adam Hawker.	Mt. Carmel	2	100	40	8	2	2	4	80				2	2	100		36 00	350 00	Dayton, "
Peter C. Prugh	Germantown	2	185	75	10	5	10	5	158	1			5	1	190		40 00	700 00	Germantown, "
Milton F. Frank, sup.	Winchester	1	40				6		34					1	40		3 00	70 00	Farnersville, "
Levi Rike, sup.	Elk Creek	1	15	10				4	12	2		2		1	30		10 00	150 00	Middletown, "
Henry I. Comfort.	Bradford	4	138		9		1	6	138	1			2	2	100		74 00	253 00	Bradford, "
Solomon Ream.	New Madison	4	189	65	1		5	5	137	1		74	1	4	174		80 00	316 00	Arcanum, "
Michael Loucks.	Valley	2	196	75	5	1	5	7	140	22			7	2	160				Dayton, "
Isaac H. Reiter, D. D.	Editor Chr. World	1																	Miamisburg, "
Samuel Mease, D. D.	Greenville																		Dayton, "
Jesse Steiner.	Without charge																		Millerstown, "
Thomas H. Winters.	"																		Xenia, "
John Pence.	"																		Trenton, "
Jonathan C. Beade.	"																		Sidney, "
John E. Dingeldine.	"																		Bradford, "
Total 26.		54	4605	1446	155	113	216	108	3926	56	6	134	57	46	3908	1	976 00	24108 00	
2. Lancaster Classis.																			
George H. Leonard.	Basil	2	410	97	17	5	16	13	395	5		8	8		310		180 00	690 00	Basil, "
John Vogt, D. D.	Zion	1	246	126	10	1	16	8	213	2	1	6	4	1	331		101 00	949 00	Delaware, "

Francis C. Yost.	4	362	131	13	5	17	6	345	3	1	48	35	27	1697	2	180 00	1150 00	Thornville,	O
Silas P. Mauger.	4	280	100	10	8	14	11	260	6	5	6	4	275			130 00	600 00	Can't Winchester	"
Austin Henry.	3	152	83	13	4	13		141		3						44 00	880 00	Hallsville,	"
Joseph W. Barber.	3	240	125	9	1	3		118								54 00		Stoutsville,	"
John R. Skinner.	1	38	25															Somerset,	"
Henry H. Sandoe.	3	109	59	4	4	11	11	102	1	1	1	3	140			33 00	450 00	Bremen,	"
John M. Kendig.	4	280	146	15	7	21	1	263	3	3	4	4	222			100 00	1069 00	Baltimore,	"
James Hefley, sup.	2	322	55	6	4	7	1	143	10	21	5	2	170			33 00	600 00	Canton,	"
Henry King.	1	23	14	1		1		21	1	1						12 00		Can't Winchester	"
Peter D. Schory.																		Baltimore,	"
Jacob Klingler.																		Lancaster,	"
Total 12.	28	2462	961	98	39	119	51	2001	31	1	48	35	27	1697	2	867 00	6388 00	Upper Sandusky	
3. Tuscarawas.																			
Sebastian C. Goss	4	342	149	8	12	12	14	330	22		18	9	4	361		126 00	1110 00	Wadsworth,	O.
Silas B. Mase	4	250	100	18	3	20	3	230	4			7	3	200	2	90 00	735 00	Massillon,	"
Samuel B. Letter, D. D	3	229	155	17		1	3	200	15			3	3	250		700 00	Wadsworth,	"	
Emil P. Herbruck	1	229	67	12	7	19	26	193			5	1	1	200		98 00	800 00	Akron,	"
John H. Beck	4	220		15	2	13	4	184	2	2		9	3	183		118 00	612 00	Lake,	"
Isalah S. Hahn	4	205	115					184	4			2	3	274		64 00	2905 00	Lake,	"
Edward Herbruck	1	215		16	2	14	6	150	3			2	3	195		63 00	862 00	Dayton,	"
Orange E. Lake	3	170	75					160				2	3	280		29 00	400 00	Shelby,	"
Edward D. Wettach	3	135	75	4	2	3	2	121	1			1	3	200		78 00	1800 00	Reedsburg,	"
John S. Stoner	4	187	48	14	4	29	3	155	2			4	4	3		53 00	2300 00	Navarre,	"
Louis M. Kerschner	4	157	80	3	4	14	28	149	1			3	1	3		84 00	1300 00	West Salem,	"
James H. Steele	3	156	104	3	3	11		128			7	3	3	200		74 00	625 00	Mohican,	"
Theodore J. Bacher 3)	1	148	65	12	2	20	8	125	5			12	1	115		20 00	1742 00	Sycamore,	"
Vacant	1	81	50	3	3	4	1	81	10			1	1	90		64 00	725 00	Marshallsville,	"
Jacob V. Lerch																		Canal Fulton,	"
Vacant	1	29																Sharon,	"
Vacant	3	93						93										Canaan,	"
Joseph Kester																		Bucyrus,	"
Hiram Shanll 4)																		Sidney,	"
Total 16.	44	2826	1083	125	44	160	98	2478	69	2	37	56	35	2750	2	961 00	16542 00		

1. Served by Rev. John M. Kendig since July 1, 1881, Canton, O. 2. Served by Rev. Albert Gonser since July 1, 1881, West Salem, O.
 3. Resigned and vacated July, 1881. 4. Dismissed to Miami Classis.

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					Infants	Adults.	Confir- mation	Certifi- cates								Benef. Purposes.	Congrega- Purposes.		
4. <i>Tiffin Classis.</i>																			
Jer. H. Good, D. D.	Berwick	3	148	105	16	3	14	1	143	4		4	1	70		90 00		Tiffin, O.	
Herman Rust, D. D.	Prof. in Theo. Sem.																	"	
Geo. W. Willard, D. D.	Pres't Heid. Col'g.																	"	
Reuben Good	Prof. in " "																	"	
Alvin S. Zerbe, Ph. D.	" " "																	"	
Lewis H Kefauver, DD	1st Tiffin	1	232	125	6		11	14	214	7			1	231		153 00	1123 00	"	
Jesse Richards	Fremont	2	180	60	8	7	21	2	150	3		8	5	2	180		43 00	3000 00	"
Amos Casselman	Fostoria	2	104	50	5	1	8	23	89	1		4	4	2	129		27 00	1449 00	"
Samuel Shaw	Bloomville	2	130	60	10	4	6	33	121			10	5	2	250		45 00	647 00	"
Allen K. Zartman	Helena	3	156	68	2	1	6	1	148	8		10	2	3	165		52 00	1750 00	"
Nathaniel H. Loose	Bellevue	1	175	130	8		4	4	160	1			3	1	140		35 00	800 00	"
Alpheus E. Baichly	Liberty Centre	3	183	75	11	17	24	21	155	2		6	2	3	235		50 00	700 00	"
Joseph H. Hunsberger	Heidelberg	3	106						100	2			1	2	130		1150 00		"
John J. M. Gruber	Ada	2	120	130	11	1		4	109				2	310		31 00	400 00	"	
Augustus Konezka	Van Buren	1	27				1		35				2					Hammanburg, Tiffin,	
Peter Tendick	Invalid																	"	
David J. Meese 1)																		Sandusky City,"	
John I. Swander	Zion's																	Tiffin,"	
Jacob Ihle		2	242	90	1				215			10	2	2	150	1	37 00		Bellevue,"
Isaiah S. Hahn 2)		2	87	18	2		7											"	
William Smith	Fort Seneca	2	115	40	2	3	4	7	99				1	2	120		37 00	300 00	Nimisila,"
Prof. C. O. Knepper	Licentiate																	Fort Seneca,"	
Louis B. C. Lahr	Licentiate																	Tiffin,"	
Total 20.		29	2005	951	82	37	102	110	1728	28	1	48	35	23	2110	1	600 00	11419 00	

1. Dismissed to the Presbyterian Church. 2. Dismissed to Tuscarawas Classis.

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		Members.	Unconfirmed		Infants	Adults.	Confir- mation	Certifi- cates	Ben- e- vol- ent Pur- poses	Congrega- tional Pur- poses											
7. <i>Shelby Classis.</i>																					
Jeriah S. Shade	Astoria	3	88	75	9	3		76						3	2	50		24 00	700 00	Sumnum, Ill.	
James H. B. Lippard	Anna	4	196	118	14	12		175						6	5	225				Anna, "	
Daniel K. Fulcason	Invalid																			Blue Mound, "	
Joseph F. Butler	Shelby	2	64		15	1	6	50							1	40	1			Shelbyville, "	
Robert F. Oplinger	Mt. Zion	2	90	65	5	5		80	4						2	150		15 00		Grove City, "	
Simon P. Myers,	Missionary supt.																			Tiffin, Ohio.	
Total 5.		11	438	258	43	21	6	381	4						10	465	1	39 00	700 00		
8. <i>Iowa Classis.</i>																					
Fred'k C. Bauman	Harmony	1	100	95	15	6	2	95	10						2	1	112		140 00	290 00	Zwingli, Iowa.
Cyrus Cort	Columbus Junct.	2	93	105	2	1	9	83	5						5	2	120		43 00	620 00	Greencastle, Pa.
Dewalt S. Fouse	Tipton	4	151	78	8	4	9	148	8						2	3	180		127 00	941 00	Lisbon, Iowa.
David P. Lefever	Pleasant Valley	1	63	70	11	4	4	45							2	1	30		32 00	600 00	Imogene, Iowa.
John H. Busser	Coneville	3	114	90	6			100	6						2	2	100		50 00	400 00	Coneville, Iowa.
Henry Keller	Maquoketa	3	66	33	1	3	3	54							2	1	55		44 00	405 00	Maquoketa, Ia.
John A. Smith	Boulder	3	104	90	6	2	2	85	1						2	3	90		30 00	1200 00	Anamosa, Iowa.
Samuel C. Long	Wilton	1	44	61	9	1	2	30	11						2	1	31		65 00	300 00	Wilton June., Ia.
Thomas S. Land	Brandon	1	39	10	1	1	2	21							3	1	22		27 00	129 00	Brandon, Iowa.
George Rettig	Smithtown	1	40	35	23	3	2	40	5						1	1	25		57 00	250 00	Monticello, Ia.
Jacob Kuhn	Millersburg	3	103	55	16	5	13	103							5	2	70		50 00	300 00	Millersburg, Ia.
John Naille	Palermo	1	18	10	2	1		18								1	30		5 00	75 00	Lyons, Iowa.
Henry Bair	Leighton *	1	12	5	1	1	11	12										7 00	1000 00	Storm Lake, Ia.	
George Weber																				Vinton, Iowa.	
Geo. H. Albright																				New Lisbon, O.	
Total 15.		25	947	737	101	34	48	837	46						12	19	86	677 00	7510 00		

* Supplied by Rev. C. Cort. † Without Charge. ‡ Suspended.

9. St. Joseph Classis.														
Andrew Butt	1	16	9	1	8	2	11	120	2	2	23	1	100	40 00
Louis Grosenbaugh	1	133	65	9	1	8	11	44	2	2	7	1	8	550 00
" " sup.	1	44	19	2	15	26	13	188	22	4	3	4	199	2900 00
Jerome B. Henry	4	223	74	5	17	34	5	117	1	1	9	2	155	668 00
Scott F. Hershey	3	134	48	18	4	5	4	94	1	1	23	3	212	450 00
Anson L. Hassler	4	154	41	1	4	5	4	94	1	1	9	2	130	516 00
John D. Neff	2	128	37	5	3	22	2	114	6	1	23	2	95	21 00
Reuben Keller	2	60	37	5	3	22	2	114	6	1	23	2	130	200 00
Jonas Michael	5	246	74	13	54	92	33	191	5	5	23	2	235	463 00
Wakeshma	2	118	25	2	1	1	1	100	2	2	2	2	95	900 00
Farmer	1	14												Edgerton, Ohio.
White Pigeon	2	120	40	3	4	5	8	113	2	2	1	1	40	1491 00
Elias Spangler	2	140	75	2	2	6	8	132	2	2	1	2	150	775 00
Edwin R. Willard	2	97												Goshen, Ind.
Allen K. Zartman	2	54	40	4	6	11	2	20	1	1	39	1	100	700 00
Frank C. Witthoff	2	54	40		6	11	2	20	1	1	39	1	100	329 00
Vacant	3	135	80	4	10	10	2	120						Bluffton, Ind.
Fred. F. Christine														Waterloo, Ind.
Daniel Kroh														Erie, Mich.
H. Leutzinger														Sturgis, Mich.
Peter J. Spangler														Edgerton, Ohio.
William H. Fenneman														Tiffin, Ohio.
Total, 16.	37	1816	627	69	107	229	102	1394	46	4	65	28	1678	10373 00
10. Cincinnati Classis.														
John Heckman,	1	750	425	88	64	16	16	710	1	1	43	1	450	7000 00
John Bachman,	1	440	290	31	24	9	400	4	4	17	12	2	280	1500 00
G. J. Reiche	3	150	200	30	15	15	150	4	4	9	9	1	100	1000 00
Augustus Toensmeier	1	160	90	11	10	10	140			3	3	1	120	800 00
Wm. F. Horstmeier	2	198	75	13	28	10	150	1	1	6	6	2	100	730 00
Oswald J. Accola	1	190	100	6	15	5	150	1	1	4	4	1	150	1045 00
Ev. Ref. Church	2	87	74	7	16	3	86							1erre Haute, Ind.
Hope Church	1	269	212	19	16	3	200							Dayton, Ohio.
Beaver Charge	6	209	109	18	14	6	112							Columbia, Ohio.
Germ. Ref. Ch.	2	31		3										Beaver, Ohio.
Arnheim Charge	1													Covington, Ky.
Zion's Charge	2													950 00
Without Charge	1													300 00
" "														Piqua, " "
" "														Arnheim, " "
" "														117 Clinton St. Cin.
" "														Beaver, Ohio.
Total 23	20	2484	1575	226	202	49	2098	7	7	22	87	12	1655	14775 00

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11. Kansas Classis.																			
Abraham Bolliger	Bethany	1	64	95	5		5	5	50	2	3			1	36		12 00	300 00	Hiawatha, Kan.
Elias Bauman		1															22 00		New Basil, Kan.
Daniel J. Greenwald	Sabetha 1)	4	133	112	6		45		110	10			5	2	71		800 00		Sabetha, Kan.
Allen R. Holshouser,	Assistant																		Sabetha, Kan.
John A. Nicolai	Without Charge																		Abilene, "
E. T. Schorer	"																		Twin Creek, "
Jos. G. Shoemaker	Emporia Mission	1	31	21					25				2				9 00	200 00	Emporia, "
Siegfried Thomas	Turkey Creek	1	92	125	6		9		40	4	2		1	1	80		3 00		New Basil, "
Hiram Shumaker	Salina Mission	1	15	16	2		3		15								14 00	2:5 00	Salina, "
	Zion's	1	85	85	6		17		75				1	1	60				
	St. John's	1	70	72															
	Ravenna Mission	1	17	30															
Vacant																			
Total 8		12	507	526	25		34	50	315	16	5		9	5	247		60 00	1525 00	
III. SYNOD OF N. W.																			
1. Zion's Classis.																			
Charles F. Kriete	Salem	1	250	200	17		15	6	170	5	1		5	1	152	1	32 00	2000 00	Ft. Wayne, Ind.
John Niehoff	Brush Creek	3	251	147	15	5	10	4	180	1				2	150		70 00	650 00	Archbold, Ohio.
Peter H. Dippell	St. Peter	1	290	184	26		11	1	275			5	12	1	95		158 00	1000 00	Huntington, Ind.
Charles Schaaf	St. John's	1	458	420	23		22	29	275	1		15	8	1	290		312 00	2500 00	Ft. Wayne, Ind.
William Hansen	Zion	1	132	136	21		10	2	132	5			2	2	180		49 00	1100 00	Detroit, Mich.
Peter Kohl	Zion	2	59	64	4		10	1	59	2	4		4	2	40		35 00	180 00	Al, Ohio.
Arnold Heineman	Defiance	4	192	159	13		18	6	182	3			4	3	65		50 00	452 00	Defiance, Ohio.
John Rettig	Auburn	5	202	166	24	2	6	6	194	1		20	2	2	85		36 00	1200 00	Auburn, Ind.
Reent Janssen	Edgerton	2	94	51	1		3	3	67	2	1		2	2	47		22 00	202 00	Edon, Ohio.
C. F. William Hustedt	Zion	3	72	63	5		11							3	60		10 00	275 00	Leslie Ohio.
Peter Vitz	Newville	3	181	213	7		1	9	167	1			3	1	145	4	106 00	530 00	Vera Cruz, Ind.
Gottlieb Beisser	Adams County	2	120	85	10		8	6	112	2			4	2	50		89 00	1192 00	Decatur, Ind.

John B. Ruhl	St. John's	1	65	40	3					42		4	1	45	6 00	Nappance, Ind.
John Bannigartner	Without charge															Akron, Ohio.
John F. Geissel	St. John's	1	60	12	2					35					26 00	Marion, Ind.
Wendell Washnich	Without charge															Pulaski, Ohio.
Total 16.		30	2426	1940	171	7	116	73	1910	23	14	44	24	1374	5 1001 00	11282 00
<i>2. Sheboygan Classis.</i>																
John T. Kluge	Zion	1	279	196	29		22	7	211	7		1	1	88	1 96 00	794 00
James Bossard, Ph. D.	Professor															Sheboygan, Wis.
H. A. Muehlmeier, D.D.	Professor															"
Henry Kurtz, Ph. D.	Zoar	1	53	48	4		5	3	50			1	1	50	1 15 00	100 00
Charles T. Martin	Inmanuel	1	294	148	11		18	4	220	1		3	1	140	5 392 00	448 00
Dietrich W. Vriesen	Sharon	1	148	87	11		11	3	115	2			1	75	87 00	312 00
Jacob Hauser	Indian Missionary	1														Johnsonville, "
Ernst Wm. Henschel	Hope, Bethania	2	99	68	7		7	38	90			2	2	156	60 00	336 00
John Romeis	New Elmh	1	101	96	6		12	2	94	3		1	1	50	50 00	244 00
John C. Huecker	Ashford, New C'sle	2	331	206	20		19	8	270	10		1	2	160	106 00	769 00
Ludwig Zenk	St. Peter, Bethle'm	2	116	81	22		7		116	1		2	1	40	55 00	400 00
Theodore Woehler	Without charge															Kiel, "
Henry W. Stienecker	Zions, Hope, St. Jhs	3	117	71	13		6	1	48				3	37	28 00	140 00
Frank Grether	Trinity, St. Peter's	2	109	81	4			2	70	2		1	2	83	1 51 00	265 00
Edward Scheidt	Elb, St. John's	1	96	71	3		5		70	1		3	1	44	81 00	440 00
Wenzel Walenta	Salem, Ebenezer	1	113	51	6				89			1	1	45	1 58 00	260 00
William Grosshuesch	Bethel	1	91	44	9				54			2	1	50	15 00	100 00
Henry M. Gersman	Friedens cong.	1	32	50	6				38			1	1	36	5 00	100 00
Frederick Maurer	Eintracht	1	28	30	1							1	1	30	2 00	24 00
Edmund Fuerer	St. Paul	1	90	52	6		7	2	60				1	44	1 32 00	250 00
George Loos	Unity & Friedens	2														Mosel, "
Louis Brugger,	Licentiate															Potter's Mills, "
Total 21		24	2097	1380	157		144	73	1613	29	13	18	21	1128	11 1133 00	4982 00
<i>3. Indiana Classis.</i>																
Gerhard H. Zumpe	Without charge															Terre Haute, Ind.
M. G. I. Stern	2d Ch. Indianapolis	1	175	150	12		31	5	140			10	6	1 150	70 00	900 00
John Eichen	St. John's	1	28	14	1		2		24			3	1	14	14 00	91 00
Peter Joeris	Poland	2	237	204	16	1	23		190			5	11	175	1 155 00	700 00

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6. Milwaukee Classis.																			
Frederick Kuenzler	Wa'k'sha, Pew'kee	2	265	254	30		8	19	207	8		18	2	120		42 00	90 00	Waukesha, Wis.	
Ernst R. Hinske	Without charge	1	50	66	10				50			2	1	25		35 00		Waukegan, Ill.	
John J. Brecht	2d Reformed cong.	3	234	183	14		7	7	234	34	7	3	2	75		28 00	725 00	Sauk City, Wis.	
William G. Kuenzel	Three Ref. cong.	1	162	129	8		7		92	1		3	1	92		111 00	520 00	Lowell, "	
Frederick P. Leich	Frieden's cong.	1	146	67	6		15	16	130			2	1			12 00		Riceville, "	
Augustus Becker	1st Ref. ch. N. Berlin	2	208	211	33		12	8	169	10		6	10	2	90		19 00		Waukesha, "
Jacob J. Gruenigen	Sauk City & H'r'sbg	1	123	64	3	2	8	7	85			3	1	85	1	35 00	541 00	Sauk City, "	
Henry A. Meier	Zoar cong.	1	104	78	10		11	5	80	4		2	1	130		257 00	565 00	Watertown, "	
John C. Terborg	1st Ref. Church	1	90	71	9		25	25	48			4	1	48		10 00	350 00	Milwaukee, "	
Augustus Guenther	Salem's	1	90	80	9		3	2	40	8		11	1	60	1	5 00	1500 00	Wayne, "	
John Wernly	Zion's	1	115	75	56		18	16	106	5	1	20	2	257		74 00	2021 00	Freeport, Ill.	
Christian F. Keller	1st Evan. Ref. Ch.	1																Chicago, "	
Jean Grob	Without charge	1																Kohlsville, Wis.	
Vacant	St. John's	1											1					Waukegan, Ill.	
Total, 13		16	1587	1278	188	2	89	105	1241	69	9	10	78	16	982	3	628 00	6312 00	
7. Minnesota Classis.																			
J. Conrad Ochser	St. Paul	1	92	112	7		8	2	36				1	35		44 00	344 00	Norwood, Minn.	
Albert Merz	Zwingli	1	136	57	6		8	4	20	10		4	1	20		5 00	625 00	New Berne, "	
Augustus Kanne	Trinity	1	45	39	15		5		45			1	1	40		29 00	250 00	La Crosse, Wis.	
Lorenz Ziegler	St. John's	1	118	89	8		6	2	39	2		1	1	26		14 00	300 00	Bongard, Minn.	
John H. C. Roentgen	St. John's	1	78	90	12		4	5	58	1	6	4	1	105		40 00	270 00	La Crosse, Wis.	
William Frielolin	Friedens	1	30	20			8	30	20					25				St. Paul, Minn.	
Julius Granel	Zion	1	21	30			8		20				2	45		5 00	310 00	Owatonna, "	
Albert Krahn	Trinity	1	87	102	15		12	6	88	18		1	1	52		25 00	735 00	Wabasha, "	
Henry Schenk	Salem	1	37	23	5		3		45	2		1	1	12		17 00	130 00	Wilton, Wis.	
Herman Heusser	Immanuel	1	68	49	19		6		35	1		6	1	50		24 00	211 00	Fountain City, "	
William Koehler	Zoar	1	38	25	4		6		24			1	1	10		2 00	115 00	Dahlgren, Minn.	

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																											Benev. Purposes.		Congrega- Purposes.
Jonathan A. Novinger	New Bedford	2	400	385	61	2	24	7	375	4		20	1	175		53 00	4 50	New Bedford	"										
Henry Nau	St. Paul	1	315	181	21		15	12	165	2		12	1	60		94 00	2154 00	Mt. Eaton,	"										
Vacant	Wooster	1	53		4			2	53			2				31 00	200 00	"	"										
Moritz Noll	Rogersville	2	322				23		240	4		29	2	160		159 00	1165 00	Rogersville,	"										
Henry K. Zink	Oldtown	3	250						200							17 00	300 00	Stone Creek,	"										
Jacob Dahlgman, D. D.	Akron	1	560	290	40		21	50	596	5	2	14	1	240		532 00	700 00	Akron,	"										
Edmund Erb	Apple Creek	1	115	30	7		13	2	82	3			1	75		16 00	450 00	Aurora, Neb.	"										
William Stechow	St. Stephanus	1	130	80	14		14	28	95	2	1	7	1	110		93 00	1189 00	Wheeling, W. Va	"										
John M. Grether	Osnaburg	3	217	186	28	5	21	4	185	4	1	6	2	115	1	84 00	735 00	Osnaburg,	O.										
Frederick Strasser	Orrville	1	237	200	23	3	17	13	219	73		8	1	125		50 00	900 00	Orrville,	"										
Moritz Heinze	Bellaire	4	150	96	8		16	1	80	1	1	5	1	126		45 00	1285 00	Bellaire,	"										
John B. Rust	Waynesburg	3	150	100												210 00	874 00	Waynesburg,	"										
Joseph A. Keller	Peace	4	416	212	39	2	64	12	327	8		12	4	235				Randolph,	"										
Vacant	St. Jacob & St. Peter	2																"	"										
Philip Becker	Without charge																	"	"										
Charles Beck	"																	"	"										
Total 22.		41	5388	3281	551	32	446	177	4191	115	4	23	213	2	2181	1	2112 00	12661 50											
11. <i>Missouri Classis.</i>																													
Jacob Ziegler	Hope	1	90	61	2		13		90				1	45		144 00	270 00	Avenue City, Mo.											
Paul J. Ruetenik	Salem	1	64	50	6		7	2	46				3	26		61 00	171 40	Boegers Store,	"										
John Knierim	Zoar, Bethesda	2	62	68	9		4		22	1		4	1	30		15 00	237 00	Prairie City,	"										
Total, 3		4	216	179	17		24	2	158	1			8	101		220 00	678 40												

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Total 12.

5. *Allegheny Classis.*

Thomas F. Stauder	1	75	30	6	5	14	7	75	4	1	87	15 00	450 00	Butler,	Pa.
Francis A. Edmonds	2	288	114	17	3	13	3	241	11	1	280	50 00	856 00	Harmony,	"
Joel W. Alsopach	2	261	221	18	1	25	24	220	7	5	198	125 00	1051 00	Baldwin,	"
Henry D. Darbaker										8				Harmony,	"
Charles Knepper														Mansfield Valley	"
John M. Souder	1	18												New Castle,	Pa.
William E. Sandoe	2	119	62	8		5	3	83	4	3	80	28 00	1010 00	Butler,	"
J. W. Knappenberger	1	42	30	3		3	1	20	4	1	40	16 00	250 00	East End,	Pitts'g
" " sup.	1	46	48	2		1	1	26	2	2	70	10 00	300 00	"	"
Christian Gumbert	1	156		15	1	5	8	156	3	3	75	72 00	445 00	Adams,	Pa.
John H. Prugh	1	125		6				120		1	60	350 00	4000 00	Pittsburg,	"
Total 13.	14	1140	547	70	10	62	42	895	25	12	780	660 00	7812 00		

V. SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC.

1. *Zion's Classis.*

Daniel Riegler	2	245	45	12	4	13		204		21	3	22 00	3500 00	Dillsburg,	Pa
Jacob Ziegler														York,	"
Jacob O. Miller, D. D.	1	385	278	28	1	20	4	352	5	10	450	450 00		York,	"
Daniel Gring														(Glen Rock,	"
Wm. K. Zieher, D. D.														Hanover,	"
Wm. R. H. Dearach	1	365	300	11	1	22	14	300	5	5	260	723 00	1301 00	Mechanicsburg	"
Jacob D. Zehring	2	293	176	14	5	8	2	290	6	8	283	70 00	1600 00	Codorus,	"
Rinehart R. Smith	6	285	226	51	1	9	3	215	1	2	215	43 00	456 00	York,	"
Aaron Wanner, D. D.	3	303	207	17		6		245	3	9	125	100 00	500 00	York,	"
Aaron Spangler	1	450	225	34	1	43	7	250	4	2	110	67 00	900 00	York,	"
Francis S. Ludsonan	4	388	270	26	1	9	11	330	6	6	200	125 00	1000 00	Blain,	"
Reuben Ralauiser	4	145	100	41		10	3	120	2	5	150	35 00	4 00	Fellon,	"
Israel S. Weisz, D. D.	4	840	520	72	5	51	7	775	15	26	380	800 00	1400 00	York,	"
Moses Kieffer, D. D.	2	350	240	18	2	14	6	335	8	7	130	170 00	1200 00	Gettysburg,	"
Andrew J. Heller	4	460	295	32		7	13	420	1	16	265	518 00	1242 00	Arendtsville,	"
Geo. W. Glessner, D. D.														Shippensburg,	"
Wm. F. Colliflower	3	272	210	7	2	11	9	207	7	10	300	86 00	800 00	Frederick City, Md	"
John Kretzing														Littlestown,	Pa

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					Infants.	Adults.	Confirms	Certifi's							Benev. Purposes	Congreges Purposes			
U. Henry Heilmann	Duncannon	3	125	100	6	1	2	4	100	5		3	2	150	100 00	520 00	Duncannon, Pa		
J. J. Marion Miekly	Newburg	1	112	82	9				105				1	120	30 00	630 00	Newburg, "		
E. Garver Williams	Krentz Creek	3	198	100	15	1	11	7	123	2	1	1	4	225	40 00	550 00	Red Lion, "		
Amos H. Kremer, D. D.	Carlisle	1	200	170	9		3	4	170	3	20	2	1	150	17 00	2300 00	Carlisle, "		
Fred. J. Sauerber	Heidelb'g ch, York	1	188	145	15	1	5	13	150	2		1	1	230	1000 00	1000 00	York, "		
Wm. D. Lelever	Without charge																Littlestown, "		
Ambrose D. Gring	Mission'y to Japan	4	167	76	6	2	8		141		1	3	4	100	63 00	536 00	Tokio, Japan. Pa		
Geo. E. Addams	Sulphur Spring	2	50	30	8			8	34	4		8	1	65	5 00	488 00	Carlisle, "		
Wm. H. Xanders	Trinity Mission	4	970	970	68	2	26	1	831	3		18	9	600	149 00	900 00	York, "		
Silas F. Laury	Emanuel's	3	430	450	37		5		400	4		36	4	150	52 00	1000 00	Codorus, "		
David U. Wolff	Abbotstown	4	460	170	22				440				8	200	192 00		New Oxford, "		
Henry Hilbish	Manheim	4	435	200	32		4	355	3	3		20	5	200	96 00	700 00	Hanover, "		
Alfred F. Driesbach	Shrewsbury	4	335	205	15		13	4	280	7		5	4	325	162 00	1160 00	Shrewsbury, "		
Henry T. Spangler	Landisburg	4	335	205	15		13	4	280	7							Landisburg, "		
Walter E. Krebs	Without charge																Littlestown, "		
David N. Dittmar	Littlestown*	1															Littlestown, "		
Vacant	Christ Church †	3	1027	548	66	3	60	3	930	10	1	5	17	4	375	155 00	1325 00	Littlestown, "	
Vacant	East Berlin	2	160	100					150				2	75		5 00	40 00	Littlestown, "	
Sup. by John Kretzing	St. Andrew's cong.	1	19	20			7	1	18									East Berlin, "	
" " Rev. A. Wanner	Mt. Zion & Hoover's	2	140	120	17		21		123			2	3	120	40 00	250 00			
Total 34.		80	9797	6555	688	33	389	128	8393	106	2	43	277	96	5893	4	4315	00	25302 00
2. Maryland Classis.																			
Jos. W. Santee, D. D.	Cavetown	4	390	150	26	4	24	3	355	7		10	4	220	123 00	700 00	Cavetown, Md		
George L. Staley, D. D.	St. Stephens	1	25	15		1	2		23	2					10 00		Knoxville, "		
Ed. R. Eschbach, D. D.	Evangelical Ref'd.	1	551	420	29	2	35	8	441	5		24	1	550	1485 00	2891 00	Frederick, "		
William Goodrich	Clearspring	2	170	80	16	4	6	2	170	3		12	2	140	114 00	1100 00	Clearspring, "		

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Simon S. Miller	2	174	125	9	1	2	3	160	2	175	82 00	1875 00	Boonsboro, Md.
J. Spangler Kieffer	2	283	204	16	1	10	4	320	5	285	430 00	1560 00	Hagerstown, "
Abner R. Kremer	2	373	334	26	1	17	9	289	7	3	46 00	1110 00	Emmitsburg, "
Mortimer L. Shuford	1	129	60	1	5	7	3	110	1	1	14 00	510 00	Burkittsville, "
P. Allison Long	4	359	370	41	2	20	10	300	7	2	60 00	1500 00	Taneytown, "
Joel T. Rossiter	1	354	139	34	2	23	11	336	9	11	514 00	2743 00	Baltimore City, "
Nebemiah H. Skyles	4	306	250	13	3	8	3	306	2	225	251 00	900 00	Jefferson, "
Henry Wisler	5	318	248	15	1	15	5	277	1	4	69 00	1603 00	Mechanicstown, "
T. Franklin Hoffmeier	1	368	225	43	1	12	3	311	3	13	509 00	2000 00	Middletown, "
Ambrose C. Geary	3	180	65	5	2	7	4	175	1	3	925 00	925 00	Keedysville, "
John G. Noss	3	759	590	48	5	31	2	461	33	3	130 00	1375 00	Westminster, "
Anthony Shulenberger	3	119	78	8	8	12	104	311	3	4	42 00	969 00	Mt. Pleasant, "
William Rupp	4	466	354	30	1	41	5	410	3	8	103 00	2440 00	Manchester, "
Leighton G. Kremer	1	91	60	12	1	7	8	87	1	5	20 00	683 00	Hagerstown, "
Marion L. Firor	1	121	55	9	3	25	21	115	1	1	118 00	3030 00	Baltimore, "
Conrad Clever	1	251	103	20	2	28	24	233	2	9	366 00	2579 00	Baltimore, "
Silas M. Hench	4	367	250	10	3	19	2	320	2	6	83 00	600 00	Walkersville, "
Charles F. Sontag	1	46	19	1	1	15	26	23	1	31	175 00	175 00	Washington, D.C.
Vacant	1	27	30	2	1	27	23	23	1	35	3 00	600 00	Pleasant Valley, Md.
Geo. B. Russell, D. D.													Meyerstown, Pa.
Jonas B. Shontz													Baltimore, Md.
Henry E. Cook													Hagerstown, Md.
George M. Zacharias													Harrisburg, Pa.
Total 26	52	6227	4131	413	37	352	169	5249	95	11	4832 00	31888 00	
3. Mercersburg Classis.													
William M. Deatrick	3	348	328	26	3	11	8	325	3	1	18 66	805 00	Mercersburg, Pa.
Isaac G. Brown											259 00		"
George R. Zacharias	1	21	8				1	21	2	3	39 24	4 51	Up. Strasburg, "
E. E. Higbee, D. D. 1)	1	226	150	10	4	24	6	217	7	10	133 84	1348 07	Lebanon, "
Jacob B. Kerschner	2	340	100	13		5	8	293	16	2	180 47	900 00	Greencastle, "
Albert G. Dole													Mercersburg, "
Elías D. Shoemaker	3	324	226	13	1	16	9	275	11	6	344 00	1052 00	Huntingdon, "
Ellis N. Kremer	3	351	170	14	3	10	8	345	7	5	327 00	1180 00	Bedford, "
Milton H. Sangree													"
Henry Miller													Alexandria, "
													Waynesboro, "

1. Supt. of Public Instruction of Pennsylvania. 2. Served by Rev. Cyrus Cort. *Collection for Home Missions at Meeting of Classis.

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					Infants.	Adults.	Con- firm.	Certifi- cates.								Ben- ev. Purposes.	Congrega- tional Purposes.		
Jacob Hassler	London, supply	1	130	75	21	2	6	13	120	1		2	2	125		72 68	1000 00	Mercersburg, Pa.	
David M. Whitmore	St. Clairsville	4	424	338	21	3	14	12	364	7		4	3	245		182 00	1005 00	St. Clairsville, "	
Frederick A. Rupley	Friend's Cove	3	249	180	9	1	1	2	231	14	1	9	2	200		347 00	2622 32	Charlesville, "	
John M. Schick	Clover Creek, sup.	1	146	78	14	5	24		139	2		3	3	80		35 00	420 00	Martinsburg, "	
William I. Stewart	Orbisonia	3	109	74	10	1	9	5	87	2	3	2	2	80		625 50	625 00	Orbisonia, "	
Isaac M. Motter	St. Thomas	3	179	174	14	3	5	2	159	6		8	1	144	1	137 88	683 63	St. Thomas, "	
David W. Ebbert	Mont Alto	2	171	115	13	4	6	6	138	2		6	2	290		290 00	900 00	Waynesboro, "	
William C. Cremer	Shippensburg	1	153	60	2			3	125	1		7	1	105		60 41	1174 86	Spring City, "	
William Aug. Gring	Chambersburg	1	301	220	10	2	7	5	230	5		2	1	280		215 20	1451 26	Chambersburg, "	
Franklin F. Bahner	Sulphur Spring	3	154	160	11		7	6	128	3		3	2	100		38 17	466 75	Em'itsburg, Md	
Henry F. Long	Waynesboro	3	386	250	28	1	9	16	294	3		2	2	250	2	109 35	2075 00	Waynesboro, Pa	
J. David Miller	Greenfield	4	392	335	53	4	29	4	357	15		16	4	371		48 10	658 00	Claysburg, "	
Henry S. Garner	Martinsburg	2	237	199	8	2	15	4	182	1		3	2	180		62 18	652 00	Martinsburg, "	
Cyrus H. Reiter	Schellsburg	3	243	165	15		2	2	189	9	1	8	1	45		57 55	673 40	Schellsburg, "	
Isaac N. Peightel	Woodcock Valley	4	321	210	21	5	21	1	310	7		7	4	227		203 50	760 00	James Creek, "	
J. Alvin Reber	Yellow Creek	2	183	115	22	2	7	6	177	2		3	2	203		187 00	1596 00	Pattonsburg, "	
Daniel H. Leader	McConnellsburg	3	128	81	7		10	5	113	4		4	2	85		20 24	426 00	McCon'ellsburg, "	
Simon Wolf	Everett	5	231	139	15	6	8	2	198			9	4	130		75 00	525 00	Everett, "	
John M. Titzel	Hickory Bottom	3	169	65	4	3	20	3	148			7	3	207	1	60 72	279 50	Martinsburg, "	
William H. Herbert	Altoona	1	322	260	6		8	22	250	9		7	1	250		130 00	1000 00	Altoona, "	
Vacant	Grindstonehill	3	178	99	6		7	6	153	6		8	2	170		22 46	650 00	Chambersb'rg "	
"	St. John's, Chamb.	1	67	56	2		2	1	50			1	1	40		16 43	175 00	"	
George F. Mull	Middleburg	1	62	37	1		5		56			2	1	35		15 10	125 00	State Line, "	
John M. North	Licentiate																	Lebanon, "	
	"																	Mercersburg, "	
Total 36		71	6515	4527	389	55	288	166	5774	145	21	142	58	4732	10	3741	68	25233	30

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6. San Francisco Classis. Frederick Fox Julius Fuendeling Conrad F. Waldecker E. De Geller Total 4.	Without charge	2	197	340	107		9	54	135	17	20	37	2	538	1		35 00	2850 00	New York.
	San Francisco	1	79	90	21			11	65		7	15	1	70			13 00	1700 00	2911th St. San Fr'o
	Stockton	1	30	36	21			2	25				4	1	25			300 00	Stockton, Cal.
	Napa		4	306	466	159		11	65	225	17	27	56	4	633	1	48 00	4850 00	Napa City.
5. Portland-Oregon Classis. John Gautebein Jacob Muellhaupt Julius Lange Geo. Mechtorsheimer Total, 4	Portland	3	110	105	38			9	70		10	5	1	60			800 00	Portland, Oreg'n.	
	Salem	2	45	33	7			5	35			2	1	15			500 00	Salem,	
	Meridan	1	27	26	3			2	16		5	1	1	25			200 00	Stafford,	
	Walla Walla Mis.	1																Seattle, Was. Ter.	
Total, 4		7	182	164	48		2	18	121		15	8	3	100			1500 00		
VI. GERMAN SYNOD OF THE EAST. 1. New York Classis. John F. Busche Louis B. Schwartz Charles Bank Casper Brunner Gotlieb Schlick Oscar T. Lohr, miss. Adolph Lepp, miss. Total, 7																			
	New York City	1	400	200	132		38	9	300				9	1	375		668 00	2360 00	108 Riv'gt'n St N.Y.
	Boston	1	106		11		3			40	10	26	1	45				157 Chas St Boston	
	New Brunswick	1	250	145	30		11	12	210	2	3	6	1	140			1400 00	New Br'nsww'k N.J.	
	Bridgeport	1	166	34	67		13	4	85	10		3	1	100			25 00	Bridgeport, Conn	
	Milltown	1	200	90	31		18	3	180	6	3	2	1	120			10 00	800 00	Milltown, N. J.
	Bismarck																		Bism'ck N.D.
Morges																		Morges Switzerland	
Adolph Lepp, miss.	Emanuel's Church	1	110	75	37		14	18	85			1	1	125		35 00	925 00	Brooklyn, N. Y.	
Total, 7		6	1232	544	308		97	46	860	58	6	10	47	6	905		738 00	7060 00	

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					Infants	Adults.	Confir- m	Certifi- cates									Benef. Purposes.	Congrega- Purposes.	
4. <i>German Maryland</i> <i>Classis.</i>	St. Paul's	1	675	540	205		45	35	570			32	30	1	340		170 00	3524 00	Baltimore, Md.
	Immanuel's	1	442	355	85	1	32	9	320	2			4	1	225		90 00	2460 00	"
	Jt. John's	1	84	52	4		2	1	81	4			3	1	40		5 00	530 00	Frederick, "
	Zion's	1	520	278	61		39	10	350	9			5	1	200		50 00	3000 00	Baltimore, "
	Herman I. Stern	1	137	60	39		10	4	102	8				1	90		8 00	1752 00	Washington, D.C.
	Conrad Borchers	1	468	191	40		20	30	375	1	1		14	1	165		206 00	3074 00	Baltimore, Md.
	Without charge																		"
	Total, 7	6	2326	1476	434	1	148	89	1798	24	1	32	61	6	1060		529 00	14340 00	
5. <i>West Pennsylvania</i> <i>Classis.</i>	Brady's Bend	1	70	54	3		7	1	65	3				1	30		12 46	70 00	Butler, Pa.
	Gustavus A. Massalsky	1	50	40	10				48				6	1	38				Mt. W. Pittsburg, Pa.
	Maximilian F. Dumstry	1	68	56	7			4	46			3	4	1	124		26 00	1733 00	Pittsburg, Pa.
	Rudolph Luescher 1)	1																	Triadelphia W Va
	Casper Scheel 2)	1																	Mid Lancaster Pa
		Total, 5	5	188	150	20		7	5	159	3		3	10	3	192		38 46	1803 00

1. No statistical report.

2. New enterprise, and as yet no report.

CONDENSED TRIENNIAL SUMMARY.

SYNODS	Classes.	Ministers.	Congregat'ns	Members.	Members Unconfirmed	Bap- tisms.		Addi- tions.		Communed.	Excommu'd	Erased.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. School Scholars.	Stu'dts for M.	Contributions.	
						Infants.	Adults.	Confirm	Certifi's								Benav. Purposes	Congrega- Purposes
SYNOD IN UNITED STATES.	1878.....	9 213	433	67935	38498	16473	1045	11045	3043	5572	1870	26 1301	7117	526	39496	51	\$68192 00	\$600927 00
	1879.....	8 204	434	66702	37753	5831	317	3781	824	53614	568	17 366	2665	505	38033	60	20634 00	185843 00
	1880.....	8 206	433	65607	37755	5252	351	3524	1010	50789	590	7 333	2289	496	38036	61	19824 00	183955 00
	1880.....	9 213	433	67935	38498	5290	377	3740	1209	55772	712	2 602	2163	526	39496	51	27734 00	231129 00
SYNOD OF OHIO.	1878.....	11 155	296	21000	9536	4387	1396	4985	2381	17562	994	59 1274	1478	232	19100	16	22955 00	295477 00
	1879.....	12 162	340	24560	11307	1496	464	1697	737	19592	268	19 403	541	253	20131	23	7032 00	80870 00
	1880.....	11 145	294	20954	10221	1861	546	2162	984	17662	380	21 484	558	232	17744	19	9089 00	112855 00
	1880.....	11 155	296	21000	9536	1030	386	1216	660	17562	346	19 387	379	232	19100	16	6834 00	101753 00
SYNOD OF NORTHWEST.	1878.....	11 160	248	24054	17180	6964	110	4578	3094	19118	1023	307 555	2093	209	13573	32	37877 00	256285 00
	1879.....	9 133	202	16459	13048	1027	9	989	762	13185	230	111 11	482	164	9632	18	7980 00	58033 00
	1880.....	10 158	240	21509	15327	3003	42	1996	1331	17209	366	116 339	844	209	14037	27	17343 00	109998 00
	1880.....	11 160	248	24054	17180	2334	59	1593	1001	19118	427	80 265	767	209	13573	32	12554 00	88254 00
SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.	1878.....	5 60	120	11093	8065	2551	204	1962	837	9396	501	2 240	771	99	7301	13	17576 00	133152 00
	1879.....	5 52	113	10157	7746	806	41	685	244	8745	122	1 83	244	97	6333	13	5939 00	50285 00
	1880.....	5 56	116	10808	8141	854	74	606	264	8960	150	1 82	276	98	6586	11	5180 00	37267 00
	1880.....	5 60	120	11093	8065	891	89	671	329	9396	229	1 75	251	99	7301	13	6157 00	45600 00
SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC.	1878.....	7 130	267	27417	17173	5320	573	3835	1851	23559	1086	12 240	2085	241	17086	25	36339 00	271077 00
	1879.....	6 125	255	29064	15759	1394	159	1120	601	22598	301	6 22	611	232	14889	29	9450 00	81825 00
	1880.....	7 128	293	24681	15986	1977	230	1474	652	23120	385	4 99	739	244	16776	28	11470 00	89300 00
	1880.....	7 130	297	27417	17173	1949	184	1241	598	23559	400	2 119	735	241	17086	25	16019 00	99952 00
GERMAN SYNOD OF EAST.	1878.....	5 44	39	9503	5695	4633	34	1835	1057	7302	317	161 259	948	39	6355	4	11330 00	181295 00
	1879.....	5 30	36	7709	5183	1436	18	577	315	6892	85	62 65	327	36	5173	5	4196 90	51769 00
	1880.....	5 42	38	9183	5759	1538	15	646	396	7513	97	79 79	325	40	5709	3	3332 00	66025 00
	1880.....	5 44	39	9503	5695	1719	1	652	316	7302	135	20 115	296	39	6355	4	3802 00	63501 00
Grand Total: Synods, 6.		48	762 1403	161002	96147	40388	3362	28240	12263	132709	5791	567 3869	14492	1346	103511	141	\$194869 00	\$1738213 00

STATISTICAL SUMMARY, 1881.

THE SYNODS AND THEIR CLASSES,

SYNODS AND CLASSES.	Classes.		Ministers.		Congregations.		Members.		Members Unconfirmed		Bap- tisms.		Addi- tions.		Commu- nion.		Dis- missed.		Excommu- nicated.		Deaths.		S. Schools.		S. School Scholars.		Stu- dents for M.		Contributions.		
I. SYNOD IN UNITED STATES.	9	213	433	67,935	38,198	52,900	377	3740	1209	55,772	712	2	602	2163	526	39,496	19	\$27,734	00	\$231,129	00										
1. East Pennsylvania.		20	43	7,922	5,510	521	10	403	75	5,809	41		184	211	68	4,094	9	2,948	00	2,391	00										
2. Lebanon.		40	83	18,013	10,124	1,451	53	1,135	233	15,385	226		193	549	114	10,572	12	7,587	00	4,942	00										
3. Philadelphia.		28	23	3,555	718	139	82	204	148	2,867	58	1	25	80	25	2,944	1	2,403	00	3,170	00										
4. Lancaster.		27	38	4,051	1,797	252	100	314	104	3,395	62		24	113	32	3,190	2	4,354	00	2,105	00										
5. East Susquehanna.		26	78	7,772	5,245	819	29	487	321	6,241	60		8	291	77	5,319	6	17,021	00	2,274	00										
6. West Susquehanna.		20	54	4,457	3,140	289	21	274	96	3,746	40		26	102	48	2,857	2	2,265	00	1,407	00										
7. Goshenhoppen.		12	27	6,324	2,852	389	27	235	59	5,623	46		238	28	28	2,145	6	2,083	00	884	00										
8. Tohickon.		15	36	6,448	3,237	416	48	242	156	5,233	64	1	76	199	46	2,824	2	1,512	00	2,193	00										
9. Lehigh.		25	51	9,933	5,875	1,014	7	546	117	7,473	115		66	380	88	5,551	11	1,287	00	3,742	00										
II. SYNOD OF OHIO.	11	155	296	21,000	9,536	10,300	386	1216	660	17,562	346	19	387	379	232	19,100	16	6,834	00	101,753	00										
1. Miami.		26	54	4,605	1,446	155	113	216	108	3,926	56	6	134	57	46	3,908	1	976	00	24,108	00										
2. Lancaster.		12	28	2,462	961	98	39	119	51	2,001	31	1	48	36	27	1,697	2	807	00	6,338	00										
3. Tuscarawas.		17	44	2,826	1,083	125	44	160	98	2,498	69	2	37	56	35	2,750	2	961	00	16,542	00										
4. Tiffin.		21	29	2,005	951	82	37	102	110	1,728	28	1	48	35	23	2,110	1	600	00	11,419	00										
5. Eastern Ohio.		11	21	2,272	996	84	38	100	27	1,796	23		12	36	18	1,885	3	1,058	00	6,549	00										
6. Illinois, Northern.		9	15	638	379	22	1	7	11	588	20		5	4	9	640	2	336	00	1,864	00										
7. Shelby.		6	11	438	258	43	4	6	4	381	4		4	10	10	465	1	39	00	700	00										
8. Iowa.		15	25	947	737	101	7	34	48	837	46		12	21	19	865		677	00	7,510	00										
9. St. Joseph.		17	37	1,816	627	69	107	229	102	1,394	46	4	65	28	28	1,678	2	417	00	16,773	00										
10. Cincinnati.		13	20	2,484	1,575	226		202	49	2,098	7		22	87	12	1,655	2	843	00	14,775	00										
11. Kansas.		8	12	507	526	25		34	50	315	16	5		9	5	247		60	00	1,925	00										
III. SYNOD OF NORTHWEST.	11	160	248	24,054	17,180	2,334	59	15,933	1,001	19,118	427	80	205	767	209	13,573	32	12,554	00	88,254	00										
1. Zion's.		16	30	2,426	1,940	171	7	116	73	1,910	23	14	44	46	24	1,374	5	1,001	00	11,282	00										
2. Sheboygan.		21	24	2,097	1,380	157		144	73	1,613	29		13	18	21	1,128	11	1,133	00	4,982	00										

3. Indiana.	21	35	3498	2603	309	6	239	159	2738	16	32	103	30	2303	2	1125 00	13815 00		
4. Heidelberg.	20	37	3343	2425	236	8	184	64	2715	57	8	11	85	31	2193	2	2757 00		
5. Erie.	16	20	2874	1913	233	4	157	166	2335	31	11	57	80	20	2122	8	2548 00		
6. Milwaukee.	13	16	1587	1278	188	2	89	105	1241	69	9	10	78	16	982	3	10546 00		
7. Minnesota.	15	18	1033	918	122		66	62	630	36	8	24	18	18	577		4443 00		
8. Nebraska.	6	15	956	787	288		82	98	1088	35	24	15	92	12	259		4921 00		
9. Ursmus.	7	8	656	444	62		46	22	504	15	2	20	6	353	1	639 00	4608 00		
10. St. John's.	22	41	5388	3281	551	32	446	177	4191	115	4	23	213	28	2181		12664 00		
11. Missouri.	3	4	216	179	17		24	2	158	1			8	3	101		678 00		
IV. SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.																			
1. Westmoreland.	5	60	11093	8065	891	89	671	329	9396	229	75	251	99	7301	13	6457 00	45600 00		
2. Clarion.	15	25	3036	2340	180	18	212	147	2269	64	14	71	23	1759	3	1831 00	10269 00		
3. St. Paul's.	14	31	2505	1979	215	16	87	70	2375	27	39	60	26	1785	2	1654 00	8638 00		
4. Somerset.	7	18	1746	1297	136	8	104	34	1488	38	3	37	14	1144	1	712 00	7487 00		
5. Allegheny.	12	32	2666	1902	290	37	206	36	2369	55	7	66	27	1833	4	1599 00	11393 00		
	12	14	1140	547	70	10	62	42	895	25	12	17	9	780	3	660 00	7812 00		
V. SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC.																			
1. Zion's.	7	130	27417	17173	1949	184	1241	598	23559	400	2	119	735	241	17686	25	99952 00		
2. Maryland.	34	80	9797	6555	688	33	389	128	8393	106	2	43	277	96	5893	4	4315 00		
3. Mercersburg.	27	52	6227	4131	413	37	352	169	5249	95	11	175	47	4461	3	4832 00	25302 00		
4. Virginia.	36	71	6565	4527	389	55	288	166	5774	145	21	142	58	4732	10	3742 00	25233 00		
5. North Carolina.	14	23	2092	407	95	24	101	27	1763	19	2	38	14	1020	3	1537 00	8574 00		
6. San Francisco.	11	30	2248	923	157	35	98	25	2034	18	39	19	817	4	1845	00	2605 00		
7. Portland-Oregon.	4	4	306	466	150		11	65	225	17	27	56	4	633	1	48 00	4850 00		
	4	7	182	164	48		2	18	121		15	8	3	100			1500 00		
VI. GERMAN SYNOD OF EAST.																			
1. New York.	5	44	9503	5695	1719	1	652	316	7302	135	20	115	296	39	6355	4	3802 00		
2. West New York.	8	6	1232	544	308		97	46	860	58	6	10	47	6	905		738 00		
3. German Philadelphia.	11	9	1861	877	137		93	28	1189	18		47	8	901	3	894 00	7060 00		
4. German Maryland.	13	13	3896	2648	820		307	148	3296	32	13	70	132	16	3297	1	6677 00		
5. West Pennsylvania.	7	6	2326	1476	434	1	148	80	1798	24	1	32	61	6	1060		33621 00		
	5	5	188	150	20		7	5	159	3		3	10	3	192		14340 00		
																38 00	1803 00		
Total: Synods, 6.																			
	48	762	1403	161002	96147	13213	1096	9113	4113	132709	2249	123	1503	4591	1346	103511	141	\$73400 00	\$630189 00

COMPARATIVE SUMMARY

Of the Reformed Church in the United States, exhibiting the results secured for the year designated at the head of each column, and also for the three years ending in each instance with the date given :

	1878.	1881.
Synods	6	6.
Classes	45	48
Ministers.....	710	762
Congregations	1,369	1,403
Members.....	147,788	161,002
Members unconfirmed.....	90,993	96,147
Baptisms—infants, given year.....	12,323	13,213
“ infants, in three years.....	39,059	40,388
“ adults, given year.....	880	1,096
“ adults, in three years.....	1,882	3,362
Confirmed, given year.....	8,456	9,113
“ in three years.....	26,733	28,240
Certificate, given year.....	3,716	4,113
“ in three years.....	11,184	12,263
Communed.....	120,681	132,709
Dismissed, given year	1,566	2,249
“ in three years.....	5,175	5,791
Excommunicated, given year.....	174	123
“ in three years.....		567
Erased, given year.....	512	1,503
“ in three years.....		3,869
Deaths, given year.....	4,887	4,591
“ in three years.....	14,102	14,492
Sunday-schools.....	1,237	1,346
Sunday-school scholars.....	89,982	103,511
Students for the ministry.....	157	141
Benevolent contributions, given year.....	\$61,727	\$73,400
“ “ in three years.....	207,417	194,869
Congregational purposes, given year.....	531,929	630,189
“ “ in three years.....	1,305,905	1,738,213

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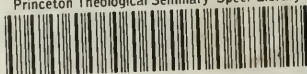
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